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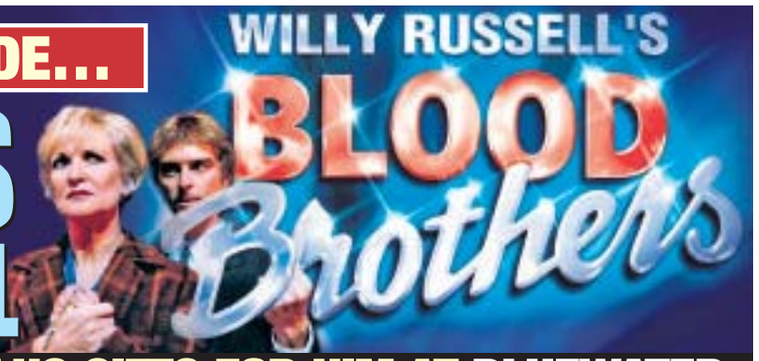

WIN A ROMANTIC VALENTINES MEAL PLUS GIFTS FOR HIM AT BLUEWATER

NEW THAMES CROSSING THE KEY TO A 21st CENTURY KENT

MAJOR plans to build a new Thames crossing between Kent and Essex have been revealed as part of a blueprint setting out the county's future for the next 30 years.

By MARIJKE COX

Kent County Council's Tory leader Paul Carter made the announcement during a whistle-stop tour of the regeneration hotspots for the launch of the authority's 21st Century Kent project.

The crossing, which would cost around £1 billion, could potentially be sited between the east of Gravesend and either Tilbury or Canvey Island in Essex, linking with the M11.

A feasibility study is currently underway, with the results expected next month.

Cllr Carter said an extra tunnel or bridge would significantly ease pressure off the Dartford Crossing and potentially generate £30 million a year in tolls.

"There is an essential need for a third Thames crossing," he said.

"The Dartford Crossing is already working at over-capacity. If another one is built it will relieve pressure from the M25, M1 and M40 – people could get to Dover from the Midlands without having to go near the M25.

"People have the view that Kent's road system is always gridlocked and this crossing would help change that."

Cllr Carter argued that it could be paid for by revenue from the toll system, plus charges imposed on foreign freight drivers coming through Dover and Folkestone.

But the plans have been slammed by the Tory leader of Gravesham Borough Council Cllr Mike Snelling, who claimed a lower Thames crossing from Gravesend would "desecrate precious parts of the borough", including villages and countryside.

Cllr Carter was speaking during the unveiling of the blueprint for 21st Century Kent, with one of the world's leading architects Sir Terry Farrell – the man behind London's M16 building – at its forefront.

Sir Terry was commissioned by KCC to put together an ambitious masterplan for the county, focusing on the high-speed rail link.

Other infrastructure proposals are to:

- Extend the high-speed rail link from Ashford to Thanet
- Link Gatwick Airport to the high-speed rail network
- Create a Manston Airport and Thanet rail interchange with the high-speed network
- Improve the A21 transport corridor to enhance access to west Kent
- Extend crossrail to Ebbsfleet

New business opportunities are expected for Kings Hill, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge through improvements to infrastructure, including the Maidstone Parkway Station and improved links to the M25 and Hastings.

Ebbsfleet has also been outlined as a future business and innovation 'super-hub' with the

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Ex Maidstone player is now an £8 million Red Devil

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A blueprint for the next 30 years

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development of 10,000 new homes and nine million square feet of office space.

Medway has been ring-fenced as a future "European centre of excellence for advanced manufacturing" with its five towns – Strood, Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham and Rainham – becoming a new city.

And by 2030, Ashford could potentially be Kent's "21st century garden city" attracting communities from all over the UK and Europe through its metro service and business opportunities. East Kent and the coastal towns were also highlighted, with culture being one of the main driving forces behind their success.

Cllr Carter said: "With people choosing to holiday in the UK and high-speed rail, coastal towns are going to see a real economic boost."

He went on to explain how he had been inspired by Victorian forward thinking.

"They had an extreme vision which they carried out to make Britain the place it is today. For example, the planning of the Underground before they built what we know as central London. We need to do exactly the same.

"Visionary thinking is the way forward."

Sir Terry said his vision for Kent was focused on its strong identity. "Billions have been invested in infrastructure, including £5bn on the UK's only high-speed rail line," he said.

"Our work builds on Kent's powerful identity, painting a portrait of how it can capitalise on this investment over the next 20 to 30 years."

He added: "Lots of people say they don't see any changes or don't think things are going to happen, but if you think this then you won't get the best out of the changes. We've got to think long term, plan for the future, take many small steps, but hold on to the vision."

In his document Sir Terry also highlighted the need to make better use of existing airport runways, rather than building new ones.

Cllr Carter supported this and stressed there was no need for the Estuary airport being demanded by London Mayor Boris Johnson and that Kent International at Manston should be better used.

Airport chief executive Matt Clarke said: "We agree that the utilisation of existing airports is by far the best and most achievable option."

Funding for the plans, if they go ahead, would come from a mixture of sources depending on each individual project.

District councils, Medway Council, local businesses and communities will now be involved in detailed work on the blueprint in an effort to turn the ambitious ideas into reality.

Jailed drink-drive killer Stanko 'caused carnage'

A DRINK-driver who killed two people and left a 12-year-old girl in a coma has been jailed for 10 years, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Stefan Stanko, 24, of West Street, Gravesend, had been drinking heavily at a barbecue in Ashford before getting behind the wheel of his silver Nissan Primera, in the early hours of Monday, September 28, 2009.

Denise Head, 49, and Brian Moon, 67, both died as a result of the accident, while 12-year-old Rosie Brown remains in a coma to this day. Three other people were also injured.

The Slovakian was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday.

A joint statement from the families of the victims read: "Our lives have been turned upside down by the actions of Stefan Stanko.

"No sentence, however many years, will ever give us back what we have lost.

"It is difficult to understand when someone chooses to drive a car under the influence, especially when there are so many warnings against drink-driving.

"We would like to thank all the emergency services that not only dealt with the immediate incident but have also been supportive throughout the process and ensuing months."

The court heard how Stanko's friends knew he was drunk at the barbecue and had hidden his car keys to stop him from driving, but that he soon discovered them and left shortly after midnight.

His victims were walking home from a night out at the International Sports and Social Club in Beaver Road, Ashford, when Stanko's vehicle mounted the pavement near Marino's Fish Bar and ploughed into the group.

AFTERMATH: The damaged Primera after drink-driver Stefan Stanko, inset, lost control

Mr Moon's partner Phyllis Wanstall, 63, suffered serious injuries in the accident, while friends Keith Wilson, 57, and Julie Scorah, 24, escaped relatively unscathed.

Stanko failed to stop after the accident but was picked up by police about 15 minutes later in nearby Christchurch Road, where the barbecue had earlier taken place. He initially told officers his car had been stolen earlier in the night when he left his keys in the ignition, but later admitted driving the car despite having no recollection of the crash.

On sentencing, Judge Jeremy Gold told Stanko: "As the group left the social club they can't have imagined the tragedy that awaited them. You caused carnage. There's nothing I can say and no sentence I can impose that can provide sufficient comfort to the many people whose lives have been so tragically impacted by your actions.

"You showed a flagrant disregard for the safety of pedestrians and other road-users by driving in a state of intoxication."

Senior investigating officer Sgt Glyn Walker said: "It is unacceptable that we are still arresting people for drink or drug-driving. The horrific consequences of this have been illustrated in this case. It's just not worth the risk."

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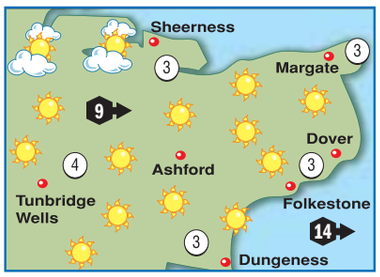

TODAY: It will be generally dry with long sunny periods. The sunshine will often be quite hazy. A moderate north-westerly breeze. Max temp 1-4C (34-39F).
TONIGHT: Dry with long clear spells. Moderate north-westerly winds. Very cold. A widespread frost. Min temp -3 to 0C (27-32F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	snow	4	39	London	fair	4	39
Belfast	sleet	4	39	Liverpool	sun	5	41
Birmingham	sun	3	37	Manchester	sun	4	39
B'mouth	fair	5	41	Newcastle	sun	3	37
Bristol	sun	4	39	Norwich	sun	2	36
Cardiff	fair	6	43	Oxford	fair	4	39
Cork	sun	5	41	Southsea	fair	5	41
Edinburgh	sun	4	39	S'hampton	fair	4	39
Glasgow	fair	5	41	Southport	sun	5	41
Isle of Man	fair	6	43	Swansea	fair	5	41
Leeds	sun	2	36	Torquay	fair	5	41

Sun & moon

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Moonrise	6.54pm	Moonset	7.54am	4.42pm to 7.34am

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Dover	11.40	6.8	–	–	00.07	7.0	12.28	6.9
Margate	00.15	4.8	12.45	4.9	01.00	4.9	13.33	5.0
St Mary's	05.16	6.1	17.42	5.9	06.01	6.2	18.25	5.9

Week ahead

monday Mainly dry max 5C min 0C

tuesday Dull. Rain max 7C min -1C

wednesday Largely dry. max 5C min -2C

thursday Cold max 5C min -2C

friday Odd shower max 5C min -1C

saturday Snow showers max 4C min -1C

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Mo's 'remarkable' tale brought to life

Julie Walters plays role of much-loved UK politician for TV drama

Pictures: CHANNEL 4

FITTING: Julie Walters portrays MP Mo Mowlem (right)

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

THE life and times of former Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam will be played out in a one-off drama for Channel 4 tonight.

Ms Mowlam – who lived near Sittingbourne at the time of her death in August, 2005 – was a much-loved public figure who played a key role in brokering the historic Northern Ireland peace deal, the Good Friday Agreement, while secretly battling against brain cancer.

Writer Neil McKay cast Bafta award-winning actress Julie Walters in the lead role for the programme entitled Mo, and said she played her part in what was a "pretty remarkable" story.

He added: "Here was a woman who had a serious illness, much more serious than she let on to people.

"She dealt with it soon after she'd got married – she met Jon Norton pretty late in life – and then this illness happened.

"We thought that was a pretty interesting story, but if you add on the fact just after she was diagnosed she became Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with the massive responsibility for what was going on in that very troubled province at the time, then we thought it was a pretty extraordinary recipe for a drama.

"We only discovered just how extraordinary the story was when we did the research, talking to Mo's close family and friends, her political colleagues and many people in Northern Ireland, ranging from Martin McGuinness and David Trimble to much more shadowy figures like Michael Stone."

Eclipsed

Ms Mowlam, who was elected as the MP for Redcar in 1988, was one of the most popular New Labour politicians up until her retirement in 2001.

She and her husband moved to Little Murston Farm, Tonge, in 2004, but had only months to enjoy their new home together before the brain tumour claimed Ms Mowlam's life.

She died aged 55 at the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury and was cremated at the Garden of England Crematorium in Bobbing, near Sittingbourne.

Her husband remained in Kent until his death early last year, at the age of 53.

Walters, who won the Best Supporting Actress Bafta for her role in the 2000 film Billy Elliott, paid tribute to Ms Mowlam.

She said: "The politics is interesting, but it's almost in the background, eclipsed by Mo – which everything was.

"She was this tornado that went through life with everything else happening around her. It's about who she was, it's about her love for her husband, it's about dealing with the tumour, it's about her courage. But it's not sentimental. That's why it's special."

• ***You can watch Mo at 9pm tonight on Channel 4.***

Gills boss Scally is facing driving ban

GILLINGHAM FC chairman Paul Scally has been ordered to appear before magistrates after he was caught using his mobile phone while driving in Dover docks.

Scally, 54, who currently lives in Dubai, is facing at least a six-month driving ban after being convicted in his absence.

Magistrates gave him three penalty points on top of nine he already had, which means he must appear at Canterbury on February 25.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said a Dover docks police constable spotted Scally driving his black BMW X5 at the Union Street roundabout on August 4, 2009, while he was on his mobile phone.

He drove into the docks with the phone pressed to his ear and was stopped. The officer asked if he was dealing with an emergency – he said he wasn't.

The case was proved in his absence and he was ordered to attend next month when magistrates will decide the length of his ban.

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Julie Maddocks joins the Kent chef tour and visits the best of the county's food producers

Theatre of Dreams is new home for ex-Stones player

MANCHESTER United have splashed out around £8 million on a former Kent schoolboy who only recently made the step up from non-league football, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Chris Smalling, 20, grew up in Chatham and had been plying his trade for Maidstone United until Premiership side Fulham signed him to a professional deal in 2008.

But now Sir Alex Ferguson has successfully lured the young talent to Old Trafford, where he will rub shoulders with such big names as Wayne Rooney and Ryan Giggs.

Smalling will join the current Premier League champions in the summer after United beat Arsenal for the defender's signature.

The England U21 star told MUFC's website: "My time at Fulham has been great and I have learned a lot about the game from (manager) Roy Hodgson and the coaching staff.

"But the chance of coming to the biggest club in the world is something I just couldn't turn down.

"I'm excited about working with Sir Alex and the fantastic players in the squad.

"I've played a few times in the Europa League this year, but the thought of making the step-up to the Champions League next year is great. I can't wait."

SIGN ON: Sir Alex Ferguson and Smalling

Smalling was born in Greenwich, south-east London, but moved to Chatham with his family at the age of five.

He attended Ridge Meadow Primary School and later Chatham Boys' Grammar, and played youth football for both Walderslade and Lordswood.

Earlier this month Smalling told KOS Media he would like to follow in the footsteps of current England under-21 manager Stuart Pearce, who was also discovered while playing non-league football.

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Variable speed limits for M20

VARIABLE speed limits along a six-mile stretch of the M20 could soon become enforceable by law after new signs appeared on the motorway overnight.

Suggested limits are already flashed to motorists when the road is busy via boards linked to underground road sensors, but there is no legal requirement to obey them – yet.

A four-month consultation on plans to make the limits on both carriageways between junctions four and seven compulsory ended last summer, with the Highways Agency concluding they should be given the green light.

The agency is awaiting final clearance from the Department for Transport, yet the emergence of the permanent variable speed limit road signs – which are covered up but can still be read – suggests a decision is not far off.

The Association of British Drivers' Kent branch secretary Brian McDowell said he did not agree with computers determining what the speed limit of a road should be.

Nervous

He said: "We object to the idea of sensors under the road deciding how fast vehicles should be able to travel.

"To think you can have automatic controls similar to what you have on railways is a fallacy. We also have concerns that the differing speed limits and cameras will make motorists nervous when they should be concentrating on the road."

Variable speed limits were introduced on the M25 in 1995 and have led to a 10 per cent drop in accidents, as well as improved journey times through the affected stretch.

The system allows the Highways Agency to manage traffic flow by slowing vehicles or closing lanes after an accident. The sensors are able to detect the volume of traffic, the speed it is travelling at and how it is flowing.

Speed cameras already on the M20 are currently only being used to catch motorists who break the 70mph speed limit, rather than the advisory variable limits.

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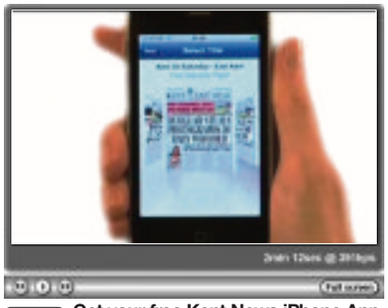

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Calais town hall

GREATEST SHOW: The London 2012 Games could also provide a boost for northern France

'Most English' French port bids for Olympics action

KENT'S Olympic officials have described a move by Calais to attract spectators and sports teams to the French port as "healthy competition", ***writes Marijke Cox.***

Their comments came after civic leaders from Calais admitted this week that despite losing out in the bid to host the 2012 Games in Paris, they hope to cash in from the British victory.

Leader of Pas-de-Calais council Dominique Dupilet even went so far as to boast of his town's "Englishness" in an attempt to coax business to his side of the Channel – 21 miles from Dover.

A blueprint – Mission Pas-de-Calais 2012 – has also been launched and around £84 million of local money is being spent on upgrading hotels, guest houses and sports facilities.

Already a string of teams have signed up to stay in the northern French region, and officials hope spectators will stay on the other side of the Channel and commute to London for the Games.

M Dupilet told reporters that when London was announced as the host for the Olympics back in 2005, he was more pleased than if Paris had won.

"Don't tell anyone, but I always thought London was better for us," he said. "My colleague was telling me to write a condolence card when Paris lost, but I was busy hoisting the British flag."

His comments have done little to deter Kent's Olympic team from their goal of bringing some of the profits from the Games to the county.

Cllr Mike Hill, cabinet member for communities at Kent County Council, said: "We've known for a long time they wanted to benefit from this and we'd have done the same if Paris had won.

"There's always been a bit of healthy competition between the French and the English so this is nothing new. We've already got two teams signed up to train in Kent – from Belarus and Ukraine – and we're speaking to others."

Cllr Hill said the recent introduction of the high-speed rail link would also benefit many Kent towns during the Games.

Chris Hespe, head of sport, leisure and Olympics for KCC and chairman of the Kent 2012 Campaign, agreed with Cllr Hill.

"Kent would have done the same if the Games were in Paris," he said. You can't blame them for wanting to be part of the greatest show on Earth."

He confirmed the Belarus and Ukraine judo federations would be training in the county from 2010. "There's at least one more nation coming here, but we can't release the details yet," he said.

"We're very relaxed about Pas-de-Calais getting involved. Our priority is to bring the magic of the Olympics to Kent."

Dover District Council has been working with Pas-de-Calais council in the bid to get the Olympic torch to arrive in the UK through Dover in 2012. If successful, the flame will travel the 21 miles from Calais.

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MP wins appeal over expenses

MP ROGER Gale has been told he no longer has to pay back £2,360 in expenses.

The North Thanet representative won his appeal against Sir Thomas Legg's repayment demand, which included parliamentary telephone calls worth £2,000 and a rent payment of £360.

Mr Gale said: "I had never refused to repay any sums properly due and had indicated to Sir Paul that if he found any repayment to be warranted then I would accept his adjudication without question.

"This has never been about money and I am pleased Sir Paul's findings will be reflected in his report to the members' estimates committee."

Lottery millions finally claimed

A LOTTERY jackpot of more than £3.7 million has finally been claimed by someone from the Dover district.

Earlier this month, KOS Media reported that the owner of the winning ticket from the draw of Wednesday, December 2, had yet to claim their prize of £3,786,303.

All that was known was that the ticket – with the winning numbers 2, 19, 22, 25, 34 and 47 – was bought in the Dover district, which also includes Deal, Sandwich and the surrounding villages. Now someone has come forward and the claim is going through the process of validation.

Anniversary salute to Allied pilots who defeated the Nazis

Music, movie, books and DVDs will help relive the finest hour

By **MARIJKE COX**
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A SALUTE to 'The Few' – the brave Allied pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain – is being made as part of this year's 70th anniversary commemorations.

And to bring home the harsh realities of what happened in the skies over Kent and the English Channel, previously unseen footage and interviews are being released.

Maidstone-based company Their Finest Hour Ltd has spent five years raising awareness of the air battle, which marked the first defeat of the military forces of German fuhrer Adolf Hitler.

But with this new project, founder John Hammond hopes to take it to another level.

"We want to show people the lives and emotions of the pilots who fought in the battle," he said.

"People don't always think about the close relationships these men built up, only for them to lose their comrades. But we want to show this in an interesting and entertaining way so people will see the realities and learn more about what happened."

The initiative includes the release of a series of books for adults and children, a 20-part television series and DVDs, plus a new feature film set for release in 2012.

KOS Media is giving its support to the project to help commemorate the battle, which claimed the lives of more than 500 RAF personnel.

Of the estimated 2,000 Allied Battle of Britain pilots who fought in the summer and autumn of 1940, 100 are still alive with a small number living in Kent.

The county was home to frontline bases used by RAF squadrons in the Battle of Britain. Biggin Hill was the principal fighter base and home to the sector operations team and staff, but squadrons were also based at Hawkinge, Gravesend, West Malling and Manston.

BATTLING ON: Britain Stands Alone DVD

RAF Lympne was used on a day-to-day basis, but was under constant threat of attack and was not permanently manned by any one squadron.

Mr Hammond said: "We're looking to reach people and inform and educate them and we think Kent on Sunday readers will be receptive to that."

The project, which is being partially backed by the RAF Benevolent Fund, also includes the production of a commemorative CD, featuring composer Karl Jenkins. Models, toys and limited edition collectors' pieces are also being made. Discussions are under way with the Royal British Legion, EMI and the RAF Benevolent Fund about concerts across the country.

A second series of concerts is also being planned, featuring singer Hayley Westenra.

But Mr Hammond, who is a TV producer, hopes the campaign will not only heighten awareness but bring fresh information to people nationwide.

"There are things people just don't know, things that weren't shown in the film or recorded in history books," he said.

"Through the DVDs and books we are bringing fresh information to the table. This isn't just a chronological account. It shows the emotions and lives of the pilots. It shows the relationships that were built up and lost.

"It also gives details about the Hurricanes and Spitfires used in the battle that I don't think have been published before."

Mr Hammond admits the project has been hard work and there is still more to come, including charity dinners and auctions and the completion of the new feature film.

The Battle of Britain, which took place between July and September, 1940, began when the Luftwaffe tried to gain control of the Straits of Dover in preparation for a possible seaborne invasion by Nazi troops.

Despite Britain's comparatively small number of 1,660 planes to Germany's 4,000, the Royal Air Force was successful in maintaining control of the skies.

As the threat of invasion began to recede, wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill said of the Allied pilots: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

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Race diversity raises faith in legal system

A BLACK magistrate has spoken of the importance of courtrooms containing people from all backgrounds to help inspire confidence in the legal system.

ON THE BENCH: Merlene Carrington

Medway-based Merlene Carrington says black and ethnic minority (BME) defendants are more likely to believe they have been treated unfairly if they are judged and sentenced by an all-white bench.

The 45-year-old told Kent on Sunday: "I think it's about perception. I'm not saying that just because a bench has white people on it that someone isn't going to be treated fairly, but if a courtroom is mixed by gender, ethnicity or faith defendants will feel more confident in the system and that's what's important.

"I think BME people have different experiences of living in Britain and it's important those experiences are expressed on the bench.

"My parents came here from the Caribbean in the 1960s and their experiences weren't necessarily great in terms of how they were treated at that time.

Different

"I grew up here and this is my home, but still my experiences can be very different to those of white people while being very similar in other respects. Those differences need to be understood and taken into account and that's what I bring to the table."

Last week Miss Carrington joined more than 50 other BME magistrates in celebrating their appointments as part of the Magistrates Shadowing Scheme, a joint initiative between Operation Black Vote and the Ministry of Justice.

Held in the same week as Martin Luther King Day in the United States, the ceremony was also attended by American civil rights activist the Rev Al Sharpton and justice minister Bridget Prentice.

Mrs Prentice said: "For a justice system to command the confidence of society it needs to be, and to be seen to be, inclusive of that society. The Government is strongly committed to a justice system that is open, transparent and that promotes equality."

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'Exercise to beat the blues'

By STEVE KNIGHT
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A LEADING health professional is calling on doctors to prescribe exercise rather than drugs for patients with depression.

John Searle, chief medical officer of the Fitness Industry Association (FIA), says GPs need to be better educated about the benefits of personal trainers and fitness instructors, who are available free on the NHS.

Recent figures indicate there are just over 27,000 people suffering from depression in Kent, contributing to a national cost to the taxpayer of about £9 billion per year.

Dr Searle told KOS Media: "It's recognised that exercise has preventative effects in that if you do it regularly depression is less likely to kick in when things go wrong. We don't quite know why, but we do know exercise gives you a natural high and is a great stress reliever.

"That's one factor, but the other important thing is that for mild to moderate depression exercise is also an effective treatment and is regarded as preferable to antidepressants.

"We're not talking about a stroll in the park. We're talking about moderate to vigorous exercise, where you need to be getting out of breath and doing it for at least 30 minutes a day."

According to the FIA, a study of 1,158 middle-aged men who were followed for 10 years from 1989 found regular exercise was linked to lower rates of depression and anxiety.

A separate study by the University of Bristol found that men who participate in any "heavy-intensity leisure-time activity" are less likely to suffer from depression anxiety compared with less active men.

Dr Searle said: "It's entirely possible for doctors to refer patients to fitness instructors by using exercise referral schemes.

"But there's huge room for improvement because there aren't enough trained instructors and surveys show many doctors are still prescribing antidepressants. I think they need to be better educated and we need to raise awareness of these issues."

Dr Searle was speaking about depression to mark the so-called 'most depressing week of the year', due to a combination of post-Christmas blues, economic recession and gloomy weather.

The third Monday in January was dubbed 'Blue Monday' after a Sky Travel campaign that used factors such as weather and debt to work out the most depressing day of the year.

'Irrelevant'

However, the Samaritans says the time of year is irrelevant. Geoff Francis, director of the Tunbridge Wells branch of the charity, said: "For some people the whole year is depressing and the number of calls we receive doesn't go up at any one time.

"But it's true that some of the problems they come to us with are different, such as post-Christmas problems. People are encouraged to spend money they might not have, as well as to love a family they might not be a part of.

"But the Samaritans is a listening service – we don't give advice. We try to encourage people to talk about the way they feel and the problems they have, and that might help them find a solution on their own."

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Ruby's Priory tour tonic

BRASH comic Ruby Wax, pictured below, knows what it's like to suffer from depression, which is why she has written a show now being toured at Priory centres, *writes Chris Murphy*.

She will be appearing at the Bromley unit next month to highlight the devastating effects of the condition. Wax admits it shouldn't be a laughing matter, but says it's the funniest thing she has ever written.

She was struck down with severe depression in the 1990s and it almost wrecked her life. But the comedienne's Live from the Priory show is a perfect tonic to challenge prejudices about the condition.

Using comedy and music, Wax and co-star singer-songwriter Judith Owen offer insights into the world of depression, a condition which about one in five people in the UK will experience at least once in their lifetime. Wax said: "This is for all patients and people who have suffered. It's the perfect time to do it — in this climate, when the numbers of people who are going under is going up.

"It's not even called depression any more. This is about not feeling comfortable in your skin. And not being able to check in with anyone else. Just a general — what's the word? – malaise.

"A lot of people don't know how to live life, so they just keep moving it forward, get busy. Busy is our reason for living. I make jokes about women who have nothing to do, who are now doing Pilates five times a week.

"And then it never ends. My breakdown happened because I couldn't stop making lists. Mine was a gradual depletion of the self. Gradually the lists take over. To recover I used medication. And insight. This is a lifetime's work. The idea of our show was not to be funny, but I think it's the funniest I've ever written."

The Priory Group is an independent provider of mental and physical health care. Wax will be performing at the Priory Hayes Grove on February 8. For tickets, contact sarahthomason@priorygroup.com. Profits will go to Comic Relief.

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SPECIAL REPORT: Bizarre case of mistaken identity leaves couple afraid for their

'We don't have any of

A COUPLE have broken their silence about a terrifying ordeal which has seen them targeted by criminal gangs convinced they are hiding missing millions from the £53m Securitas heist.

Ken Crow, 59, and his wife Valerie, 55, this week opened their heart to this newspaper in a desperate bid to stop the violence and threats which have left them both paralysed with fear in their own home.

EXCLUSIVE

By JON COATES

Over the last 13 months crooks have:

- Broken into their home, tied up the couple, and attacked Mr Crow with a cattle prod.
- Ordered them to remote locations to hand over £3m.
- Mailed mobile phones to Mr Crow which they then call with demands and threats.
- Written vile letters threatening their safety.

Yet Mr Crow, a former university lecturer, insists he is completely innocent and has no idea why these gangs are targeting him.

Their ordeal has left them too scared to sleep, unable to concentrate on their work and afraid of leaving their remote home.

And Kent Police – who have been trying to track down those responsible – agree it is a case of mistaken identity and are appealing for the crooks to stop the campaign of terror.

What's more, they say they have searched the land and conducted an aerial survey and there is no money on the property.

Nightmare

The Securitas raid made headlines around the world, but although a number of people are now behind bars for their part in the crime £32m of the cash has not been recovered. Prompting speculation to run riot on the criminal underworld grapevine.

Tonbridge is just a few miles from the couple's farm in Golden Green – between the town and nearby Hadlow.

Hired muscle Jetmir Bucpapa, one of the six robbers to have been jailed, also lived in nearby Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.

Speaking from the confines of his farm this week Mr Crow said: "I wish I lived a million miles from that depot in Tonbridge.

VICTIM: Ken Crow and his wife have been targeted by criminals after Securitas cash

"This is a bizarre case of mistaken identity. I could not be further removed from being a criminal. I have never met any of the gang involved in the Tonbridge robbery. We have lived here for 25 years, so there is no way our farm has any connection to any of the robbers."

He has decided to tell his story through this newspaper in a desperate bid to convince the criminal underworld that some of missing £32m is not buried on his farm.

Mr Crow said: "I have to put a stop to this so my wife and I can get on with our lives. I have not slept for a year, have not been away on holiday, cannot get on with my work in Africa, and we are like prisoners in our own home.

"My wife has had a breakdown and it feels like we are living through a nightmare, and we cannot understand why."

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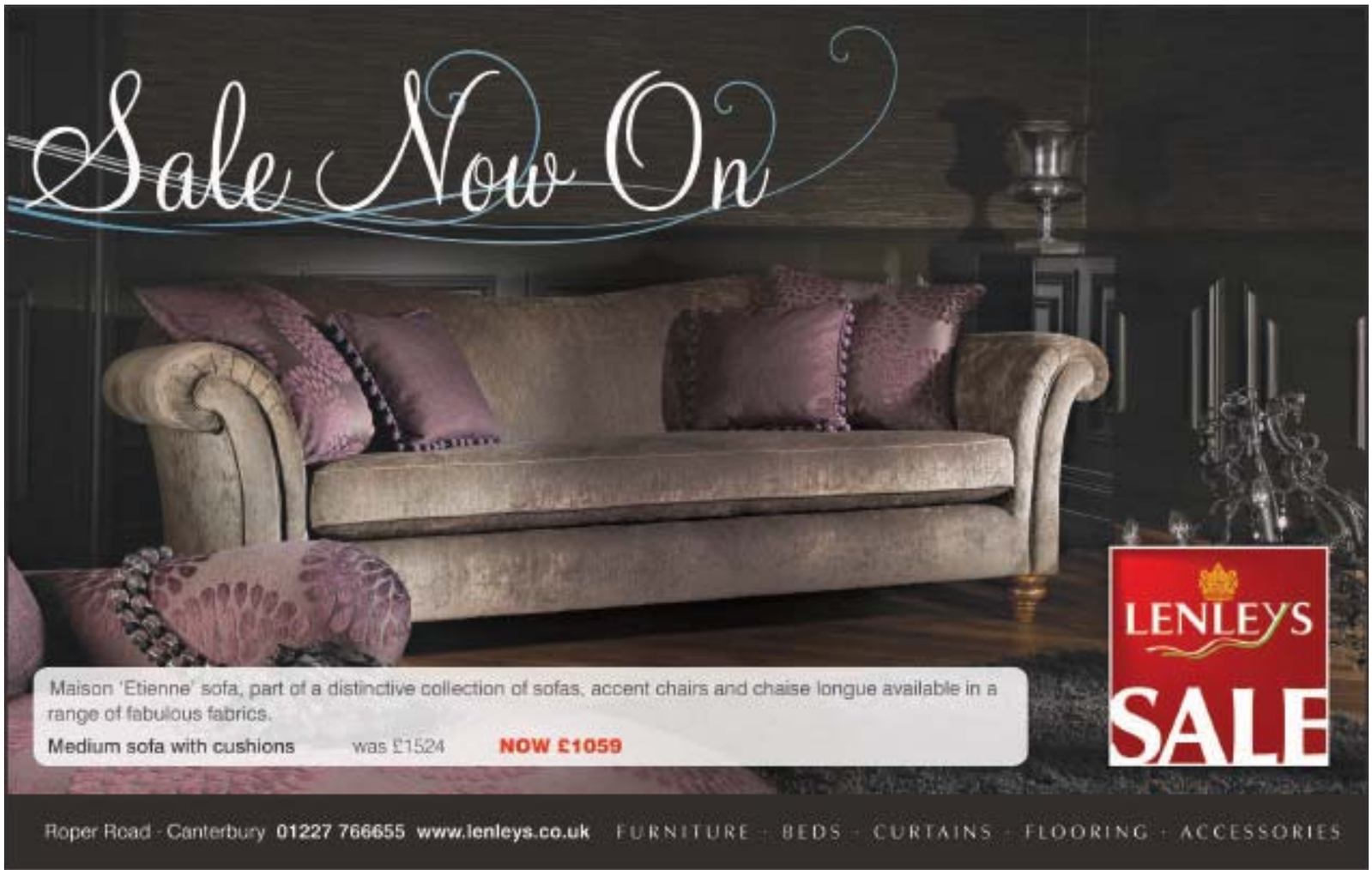

lives as violent gangs demand millions from Britain's largest ever cash robbery

the Securitas millions'

HEIST: On February 22, 2006, robbers carried out the biggest robbery in British history

Their ordeal started at 9.05pm on Friday, December 5, 2008, as they were watching TV.

Two masked men dressed in black combat gear burst in and zapped Mr Crow with a cattle-prod when he leapt up to defend his wife.

He said: "This paralysed me instantly. They said they had been watching our farm for 18 months and believed the money was here."

Mr Crow was take to the hall and given another burst from the cattle-prod, before being taken into his office and stunned a third time. He says the men, who used the names John-Boy and Gary, were calm, did not swear and said they did not want to hurt them.

They quizzed the couple separately, before tying them to chairs and leaving. The intruders hid the couple's mobile phones, disconnected the landline and even fed the dog before they left.

Mr Crow got his hands free after 20 minutes and ran to a neighbour to call 999, but the duo had escaped.

Then on February 24 last year, just days after the third anniversary of the heist, Mr Crow saw a car pull up in his drive at 11pm and a woman put an envelope in his post box.

Inside was a letter saying Mr Crow had connections to a felon serving at Belmarsh prison in south-east London and that they had evidence linking him to the Tonbridge robbery. The letter told him to go to a telephone box the next day at noon and follow instructions.

He went with a police officer hidden in his pick-up truck, and others hidden around the call-box. Mr Crow took a call and was told to return at 6.30pm with £3m.

He agreed to do this and armed police were hidden in the area, but at the last minute police chiefs decided he should read a statement prepared by them to tell the gang he did not have anything to do with the missing cash. This call was traced to a phone box in Icklesham, East Sussex.

Mr Crow, who spent 20 years working for Mid Kent Water before becoming a fish warden and then lecturing in fish management for the University of Greenwich.

He is now a director of a company trying to introduce fish farms to Ghana to supply food to its people.

Constant fear

Towards the end of last year it seemed the criminals had realised the missing cash was not on their farm, but just before Christmas someone left a mobile phone in his postbox, with a note saying "Paul, we will ring you at 10am". They handed it to police.

Then at 10pm on Monday, January 18, Mrs Crow spotted a spike in the ground by their hedge with a clear plastic bag containing a letter at the top of it. This told them to get a digger from a neighbouring farm and dig under their water tank for the buried loot. It was addressed to "Paul".

Mr Crow said: "My wife and I live in constant fear, this has become like a prison sentence and I cannot think of any reason why this is happening to us.

"In my work I have met former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, and the leaders of Ghana and Cameroon. I am well respected out there but in this country my colleagues now think I am linked to criminals. I feel safer walking around villages in Africa where I am the only white person than I do in my own home. But we will not be forced out of our own country."

Det Insp Bert Short, who has led the investigation into the gangs targeting the couple, said: "We have carried out inquiries into these incidents and will continue to do so, however, we want to tell those responsible 'you are targeting the wrong people'.

"We know from the investigation we've carried out and various searches we've done that there is no money buried there."

Anyone with information can email police at appeals.westkent@kent.pnn.police.uk call officers on 01732 379217 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Pay up or do more time

SIX men jailed for taking part in the £53m robbery will have to pay back their share of the haul or face longer behind bars.

Since the 2006 heist Kent Police have recovered £21m of the stolen loot and brought case that saw six robbers jailed.

Stuart Royle, Jetmir Bucpapa, Lea Rusha, Ermir Hysenaj, and Roger Coutts were sentenced in January, 2008. Paul Allen was jailed in October last year extradition from Morocco, where he had fled with suspected heist mastermind Lee Murray.

At Woolwich Crown Court last Friday, Mr Justice Penry-Davey ruled the six will have to pay back their ill-gotten gains within the next six months or face having their prison sentences extended.

Car dealer Royle, 51, of Allen Street, Maidstone, who owned a garage in Wateringbury, near Tonbridge, was ordered to pay £2m or face a further six years behind bars. After his trial he was ordered to serve a minimum 15 years in jail.

The judge also ordered there was enough evidence to show £8.6m found in a lock-up in Southborough on March 5, 2006, £1.3m found in a white Ford Transit van in the car park at Ashford International Hotel on February 24, 2006, and £9.6m recovered from ENR Cars in Welling on March 2, 2006, were the proceeds Rusha, Bucpapa and Coutts had obtained from the robbery.

They will be subject to nominal confiscation orders, so if they show unexplained financial gain at any time, they will be called to the courts to explain the origin.

Rusha, 37, a roofer and martial arts expert from Lambersart Close, Tunbridge Wells; Bucpapa, 28, a former doorman and security guard from Hadlow Road, Tonbridge; and Coutts, 32, a garage owner from The Green, Welling, were all ordered to serve a minimum of 15 years.

Mr Penry-Davey found Hysenaj benefited by £250,000. The post office worker, 30, of New Road, Crowborough, East Sussex, was ordered to pay this sum or face a further two years imprisonment

Hysenaj was previously sentenced to 20 years behind bars and will be deported once his sentence has been served.

Allen, 31, of Chatham, had pleaded guilty and accepted that he had benefited to the sum of £1.9m. Mr Penry-Davey accepted that assets to the value of £1.231m were available and ordered he pay this or face a further five years in jail.

Allen, a cage fighter known as The Enforcer, was jailed for a minimum of 18 years last October.

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There really is no hiding place from UK frontier guards

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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ILLEGAL migrants and people-traffickers are forever coming up with new ways to try and breach the UK border.

Whether clinging to the underside of lorries or hiding children inside car dashboards, there appears to be no limit to the lengths some people will go.

But according to Det Sgt Paul Bratton of Kent Police's frontier crime unit, there is "no ingenious idea" that will fool border officials and nothing will catch them unawares.

He told KOS Media: "Once we had a coach where all the seats had been taken out and the floor heightened, so 27 Chinese people could be stuffed into the bottom.

"Then the seats were put back and people were sat on top of them. But UK Border Agency officials noticed that some of passengers' heads were rubbing against the parcel shelf, and that's the sort of thing they're always looking out for. Once we had a car that had been converted so a man could hide in the engine bay beneath the bonnet.

On another occasion a Sri Lankan man had managed to squeeze into a petrol tank.

"There are some really desperate people out there who put serious trust in unscrupulous types."

Based at Dover's Eastern Docks, the frontier crime unit investigates all crimes linked to Kent ports, including airports such as Manston and Rochester and even helipads and marinas.

The team, which has immigration officers stationed in Folkestone and Medway, also has close links with the UK Border Agency, port security staff and the French border police.

Last year the unit played a major part in the conviction of 108 people, 27 of whom were guilty of 'facilitation' – people-trafficking – and were jailed for a total of just under 50 years.

DASHED HOPES: This Vietnamese girl was hidden inside a vehicle dashboard

The remaining 81 defendants received a combined sentence of just over 71 years for offences including possession of false documents, theft and fraud. DS Bratton said the attempted illegal entry of people into Kent showed little sign of slowing.

He said: "As far as people-trafficking goes, a lot of the time it's for prostitution. And that's not just females, because sometimes young boys are sold for sex, too.

"But most of the cases we have to deal with involve economic migrants who want to come here for a better life. We've had lots of cases where in a lorry containing 10 or 11 men, one will have already made it to the UK and will have come back to help others join him – for a price.

"Generally the illegals themselves pay for it, but sometimes that involves them becoming slaves of the facilitator and working for nothing."

Many of those caught transporting illegal migrants into the UK – either in Kent or at the other side of the Channel in Coquelles, France – claim they either didn't know they had anyone on board or they didn't know their passengers were carrying false documents.

However, Det Sgt Bratton found such a notion difficult to believe. He said: "It's very strange how Vietnamese people only give lifts to other Vietnamese, and Sri Lankans people only give lifts to other Sri Lankan people.

"I've been to France thousands of times over the years and not once has anyone ever asked me for a lift anywhere.

"Facilitation is a very serious offence in the UK with a maximum sentence of 14 years' imprisonment, so I'd advise anyone against trying to do it. Everyone likes to think they're intelligent enough to beat the system, but very rarely is that the case."

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A SMUGGLER caught with 17 Indian men hiding among furniture in the back of his van has been jailed for three years.

Clive Anthony Wright (pictured below), from Ilford, Essex, told border officials he did not know the illegal migrants were on board the vehicle when he attempted to pass through the Channel Tunnel on the French side at Coquelles.

Wright, 46, was stopped at the inbound UK Border Control on May 1, 2009.

He was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court this month.

Immigration officer Kelly Tipton said Wright claimed he had agreed to deliver the furniture for a third party and was being paid £1,000 for a day's work.

She said: "It was furniture you wouldn't pay £30 for. Lots of wardrobes and chests of drawers in a very contained space. Officers said the condensation on the roof of the van was enough to tell there were people inside."

FRENCH pilot Eric Laou-Hap lived to regret smuggling seven foreign nationals into Kent on a light aircraft.

The 39-year-old, pictured right, was jailed for four years after the illegal migrants were seen running away from his Piper Cherokee, below, at Laddingford Airport, Maidstone, last July.

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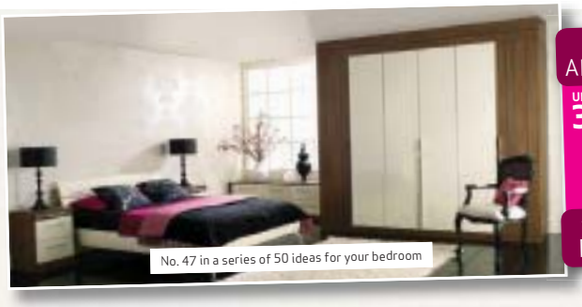

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Harmony after strike discord

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TWENTY-five years ago this March, the end of the longest-running industrial dispute in Britain reached its bitter climax.

Thousands of coal miners who had taken part in a year-long walkout against Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decision to close uneconomic mines waited outside the Trade Union Congress in London to hear the result of a final vote on strike action.

But in what was seen by some as a cruel end to an age-old industry, the ballot by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) saw the men returning to the mines, where they awaited news of closures and job losses.

Throughout the violence, anger and poverty of the strike however, colliery brass bands did their bit to keep spirits up. In what was to become a symbol of solidarity, bands across the UK rallied the miners and kept morale up even when the inevitable end drew near. Although more usually associated with the north of England, a brass band was formed in 1932 by miner George Gibb at Betteshanger, near Deal, which became part of that crusade during the 1984-85 strike.

Betteshanger was one of four pits in the county along with Snowdown, Tilmanstone and Chislet. Mr Gibb started the band so he and colleagues could relax on their days off.

Members took part in what became known as the 'loyalty crusade' on March 3, 1985, when colliery bands played as the miners returned to work.

And to mark the anniversary, the UK's most historic colliery bands, including Betteshanger, have joined in harmony to release an album entitled The Music Lives On: Now The Mines Have Gone. It will be released by Universal Music on March 3.

Thrilled

Steve Griffiths, Betteshanger Brass Band's secretary, told KOS Media they were thrilled to be involved.

"Most of the bands are from the north or Wales, so we could have been overlooked but have been recognised," he said. "It's very pleasing that 25 years after the mines closed we're still playing.

"We've seen some difficult times financially, but we've always kept going. Hopefully royalties from the CD will make it a bit easier for us."

Mr Griffiths, who has been with the band 10 years, said their inclusion was particularly significant for some members.

"We have two ex-miners in the band," he said. "One is Ivor Thomas, who is 80 and has been in the band for 70 years. His daughter, Sue, has been with the band 40 years. Then we have Fred Thomson, who was in the mine for years."

Mr Griffiths said people in Deal have always supported the band, which has 30 members.

"A lot of people in the town have mining backgrounds – it's a mining area – so they're very aware of the history and what we represent," he said. "There are some who don't even know there were mines in Kent, but a lot of people came down here to work."

This was a result of the 1926 general strike, when many northern and Welsh miners were sacked and travelled to Kent to get work under assumed names.

The Music Lives On: Now The Mines Have Gone features colliery bands from across the UK including the award-winning Grimethorpe Colliery; Scotland's Buckhaven and Methil Miners Brass Band; and Point of Ayr in north Wales.

Betteshanger (1924-1988) was the last pit to open in Kent and also the last to close, just a year short of the centenary of coal being discovered in the county.

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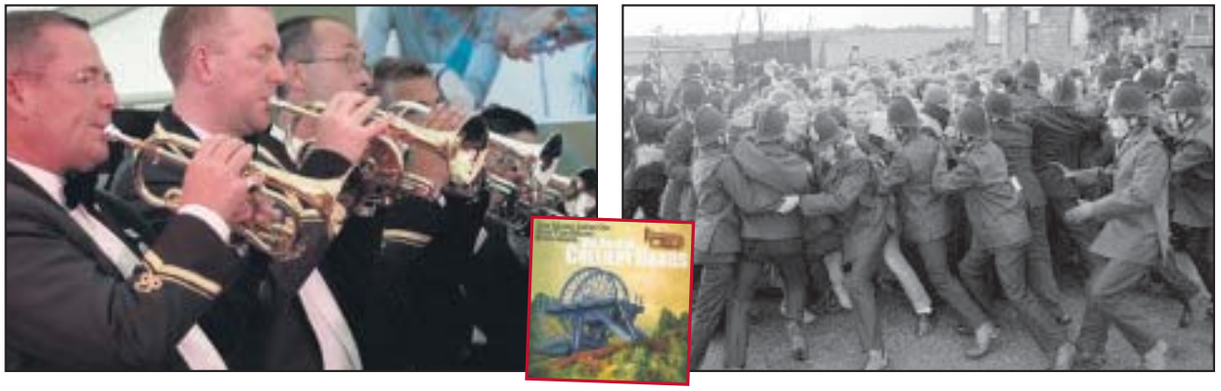

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Kent firefighters' bid to find survivors among the devastation left by the Haiti earthquake

'It was complete chaos'

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AS DESPERATE efforts continued to tackle to the human suffering in stricken Haiti this week, the head of Kent's firefighter rescue team spoke of the devastation they saw before they flew back to the UK.

In his account of the disaster, which left more than 200,000 people dead and two million homeless, firefighter John Mazzey revealed the despair the team were faced with when they first arrived in the wrecked capital of Port-au-Prince.

He said: "It was complete chaos – there were bodies everywhere and people were taking them away for mass burial.

Motivated

"It was a hard thing to see, but the team supported each other – we've discussed things we've seen and talked things through.

"We've got an extremely motivated and enthusiastic crew."

Mr Mazzey and five others from Kent Fire and Rescue Service's (KFRS) specialist search and rescue team were deployed to Haiti almost immediately after the earthquake hit on Tuesday, January 12.

They spent 10 days searching for survivors with the UK International Search and Rescue (UK-ISAR) team.

But last weekend, hopes of finding people alive faded and the search was called off.

The team arrived back at the UK-ISAR base in Maidstone on Saturday and returned to their normal lives.

But despite leaving the devastation behind, Mr Mazzey admitted the shocking images will always stay with them.

FLATTENED: (left and far right) The team faced a harrowing job searching the rubble

"In one area, if you turned around 360 degrees and looked in every direction everywhere was flattened," he said.

"There are few trees in Haiti so everything is built from concrete which when shaken crushes everything beneath it.

"We were looking for voids which we could get into to try and get people out."

One rescue saw the team tunnel for several hours to reach a man trapped by rubble.

Mr Mazzey said: "There was a 60-year-old man trapped in a collapsed building – he had been asleep in bed when the earthquake hit.

"We tunnelled for hours and found him alive, but we saw there was a body of one of his relatives near to him."

When they arrived on the Caribbean island they went from building to building in their designated areas to try and find survivors.

Mr Mazzey, who assisted in the aftermath of earthquakes in Iran in 2003 and Indonesia in 2009, said: "Some of our best leads were

SEARCH TEAM: (l-r) Ian Selfe (Dover), Malcom Cowie (Tonbridge), Jeff Horton (UK-ISAR technician), Matt Ivell (Sevenoaks) and John Mazzey (UK-ISAR team leader)

from local people. They knew which buildings had people inside and we had equipment that could break through concrete."

Just days after their arrival the Kent team were sent 25 miles west to the flattened town of Leogane.

Working in temperatures of more than 90 degrees, the crew continued their desperate search as time ticked by.

Mr Mazzey said: "It was very hot. We started out wearing lightweight uniforms, but because of all the body fluids everywhere we had to change into more protective, heavier gear."

While continuing their mission, a major aftershock hit and 15 members of the UK-ISAR, which totalled 64 staff from the UK's fire and rescue services, were flown to the town of Petit-Guave to investigate the damage.

The Kent team stayed in Port-au-Prince to search areas that had not yet been reached, and helped in numerous rescues.

Mr Mazzey said: "There were 13 different

fire services, which meant searches and rescues could continue 24 hours a day.

"Our base camp was at the airport, about 100 metres from the runway and the first couple of nights we slept under the stars."

Despite having security on hand in case they were targeted by locals desperate for food, Mr Mazzey said they had no trouble.

"Our equipment was expensive so we had to be careful it wasn't stolen by someone desperate to make some money," he added.

Mr Mazzey stressed the team arrived with their own food and managed to get water by using a filter system. "We made sure we weren't a burden on the country," he said.

Asked about any possibility of going back, he said: "The window for search and rescue is closed. Now it's about getting all those people aid and getting them independent again."

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Teen says UKIP burka ban is 'like the BNP'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A YOUNG politician who quit the UK Independence Party over its controversial 'burka ban' policy says the group is going the way of the far-right BNP.

Alex Ellis-Roswell, 16, from Canterbury, handed in his membership after UKIP leader Lord Pearson said the veils worn by some Muslim women should be outlawed to help improve British security and to avoid dividing communities.

Announcing his defection to the Libertarian Party this week, Ellis-Roswell – who is a prospective candidate for Canterbury City Council – said his former party was becoming increasingly Islamophobic.

ROW: Alex Ellis-Roswell

He said: "I joined UKIP about a year ago because I believed they were the only Eurosceptic libertarian party out there and had the best chance of going places.

"But at the moment they seem to be going down the same route as the BNP.

"The burka ban was the last straw for me. I was quite ashamed and didn't want people to know I was associated with the party so I went quiet for a while.

"It's sad really because UKIP was starting to gain a lot of support, but then they went down the whole Islamophobia route and I don't think it will stop at attempting to ban the burka.

"It's a no-win situation to start acting like the BNP."

Lord Pearson's comments regarding the burka were echoed last week by his predecessor and current Kent MEP Nigel Farage.

The Bromley resident told KOS Media he thought banning the veil was no different to asking people not to wear motorcycle helmets in banks, or hoodies at Bluewater shopping centre.

Responding to Ellis-Roswell's decision to quit the party, Mr Farage admitted his and Lord Pearson's comments had upset some members.

He said: "I can see how the burka ban might upset some people, but if you look closely we weren't saying stop people wearing them in the street.

"What we were saying was that if you're in an airport or on a train, then modern security laws say you have to show your face.

"I'm sorry if Alex is upset, but he shouldn't confuse that with us going the way of the BNP, because we are not and we never will be.

"But we've also had lots of people getting in touch with us – including serving ministers – saying at last someone is getting back to Christian values in this country."

Ellis-Roswell, who has been home-schooled for the last two years said he was en route to becoming UKIP's Canterbury branch secretary before deciding to quit the party.

Should he win a seat at next year's local elections he would become the UK's youngest city councillor ever aged just 18 years and six weeks.

Council auction is your convenience

A GENTS' toilet that closed nearly 20 years ago is being sold by Gravesham Borough Council.

The public convenience in Echo Square opened shortly after World War Two, but was closed in the early 1990s.

The site will go up for auction at the Ramada hotel Maidstone on February 22. The building has a guide price of between £2,000-4,000.

A council spokesman said: "This is part of our policy to dispose of buildings and odd parcels of land which no longer make sense for the council to own."

In 2008, the old Parrock Street toilets were sold at auction for £60,000 and a ladies' lavatory in Northfleet went for £42,000.

Charities' chance to apply for grant

THE Rochester Bridge Trust is looking for applications to its 2010 grants programme.

The Trust has invited charitable organisations in Kent to apply for funding, and applications are encouraged for projects related to the River Medway, history of Kent, education in engineering and agriculture, and historic building conservation.

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An application pack is available from www.rbt.org.uk, by email to secretary@rbt.org.uk, or by writing to The Rochester Bridge Trust, The Bridge Chamber, 5 Esplanade, Rochester, Kent ME1 1QE.

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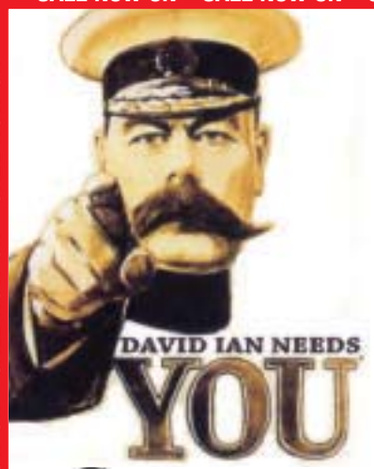

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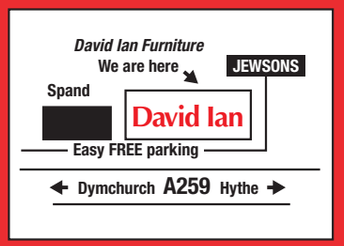

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Sail through history

By **MARIJKE COX**
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A BRONZE Age boat has been selected to represent Kent's past in a landmark BBC series focusing on world history.

The ancient vessel will join nine other specially chosen artefacts from the county as part of the BBC and British Museum's A History of the World in 100 Objects project.

Radio 4 will host the 100-part series, which will run over the course of the year, and each relic will be discussed in 15-minute slots. Other BBC channels and its online service will also run features on the objects, which are from across the UK.

Kent is set to feature prominently, with the Bronze Age boat, a leather World War One football and a selection of Roman pots being just some of the artefacts selected from the county's many historical wares.

Mark Frost, assistant curator at Dover Museum, where the remains of the boat are on display, said the vessel is particularly important. He said: "This was the first cross-channel ferry. It's older than Tutankhamen and as old as Stonehenge. We've always thought it was one of the most important finds of all time – it was a world's first."

The perfectly preserved remains of the vessel were discovered six metres below ground in Dover in September, 1992, during major road works in the centre of town.

It had been buried in silt which formed a protective tomb. Radio carbon dating revealed it was built in 1550BC, showing it to be around 3,550-years-old.

Mr Frost said: "Before it was found people didn't really know much about Bronze Age trade between the Continent and Britain. We thought smaller, lightweight boats were used.

"But when the boat was found we realised this large vessel was used for trade."

It would have been capable of carrying significant loads, livestock and passengers.

Mr Frost said the museum gets visitors from as far away as Scandinavia and America.

But he admitted that holding on to what was one of the most important historical and maritime finds ever was difficult.

"When it was first found we had to fight to keep it in Dover – it was going to be displayed at the National Maritime Museum," he said. "But we managed to keep hold of it and this is where it will remain."

As well as the Bronze Age boat, a leather football, currently on display at the Royal Regimental Museum at Dover Castle, will also feature on the Radio 4 series.

Roman pots dredged from the seabed off Whitstable and Herne Bay have also been selected. The red pottery dishes, which are on display at Whitstable Museum, are believed to have been used by women to make a special kind of dessert and were given the name 'pudding pan'.

More than 350 UK museums are assisting in the project, with Canterbury City Council leading the scheme in Kent.

Seamus Boyd, BBC project manager, said a truly fascinating range of objects have been chosen. "Some of them may have great monetary value, others little or none, but they're priceless in how they bring to life moments from history.

"The initial collection is just the blueprint to which we hope viewers and listeners will add their own objects and help to create a vibrant tapestry of the past," he said.

• ***For programme information go to www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld.***

KENT'S 10 HISTORIC OBJECTS IN THE BBC SERIES

Victorian anchor, 1852 at Blue Town Heritage Centre, Sheerness
Tunbridge ware worktable, 1850 at Tunbridge Wells museum
Bronze Age boat, 1550BC at Dover Museum
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The Maudslay Forming Machine, 1810 at Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust
Ceremonial axe and club, 1870s at Rochester Guildhall Museum
Haida ritual mask, 1850 at Maidstone Museum
Pudding pan pots at Canterbury City Museums 19th-20th century

Take Hart for Gurkha charity

A COLLECTION of paintings and illustrations by the late Tony Hart are to be sold at auction in aid of a charity for Gurkha soldiers.

The Tony Hart Retrospective auction will feature a number of the much-loved artist's works, selected by his daughter Carolyn Williams, which art lovers will be able to enjoy and take home if they make the highest bids.

AUCTION: Some of Tony Hart's work is to go up for sale

The exhibition will be held in the Graham Clarke Gallery in Hart's hometown of Maidstone – where he has been lovingly remembered since he died peacefully at his Surrey home a year ago on January 18.

The Vision On, Take Hart and Hart Beat presenter, who was born in Hastings Road in 1925, served as an officer with the 1st Gurkha Rifles in World War Two before studying at Maidstone College of Art – now the University for Creative Arts.

Hart's work, from his own private collection, will go on display at the Earl Street gallery from Monday, February 1, to Friday, February 26, where last year a plaque was unveiled for him by his daughter, following a campaign backed by our sister paper Yourmaidstone.

Potential buyers for Hart's work which is for sale will be asked to complete an auction bid form, available from the gallery and the Hazlitt Art Centre box office, by 5pm on the final day of the exhibition.

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Spooky story is shortlisted for success

AN AUTHOR born inside a haunted house is one of several vying for this year's Waterstone's Children's Book Prize.

Pat Walsh – who has wowed critics with her debut novel The Crowfield Curse – spent the first year of her life at the spooky cottage in Cobham, which was next door to Charles Dickens' favourite pub the Leather Bottle.

And the mother-of-two told KOS Media she believes the ghostly goings-on at her first home may have contributed to her future love of all things fantasy: "I like to think it had an effect on me... my mum used to tell me stories about the sort of things that went on.

"Even the day I was born she and the midwife heard footsteps crossing the floor. Obviously they couldn't leave the house and they were both terrified."

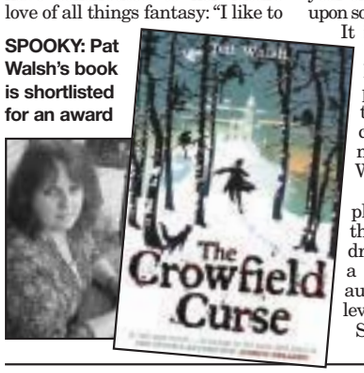
Mrs Walsh drew on her experience as a professional archaeologist when writing The Crowfield Curse, which is the first of a trilogy set in the 14th century.

The novel tells the tale of 15-year-old William who stumbles upon some ancient magic in a forest.

It is one of nine up for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize, which for the past five years has sought to uncover hidden talent in children's writing. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, February 10.

Mrs Walsh said: "I'm pleased to be shortlisted; it's the realisation of a long-held dream for me. But there are a lot of other really good authors in there so it's quite a level playing field."

See pat-walsh.com for details.



SPOOKY: Pat Walsh's book is shortlisted for an award

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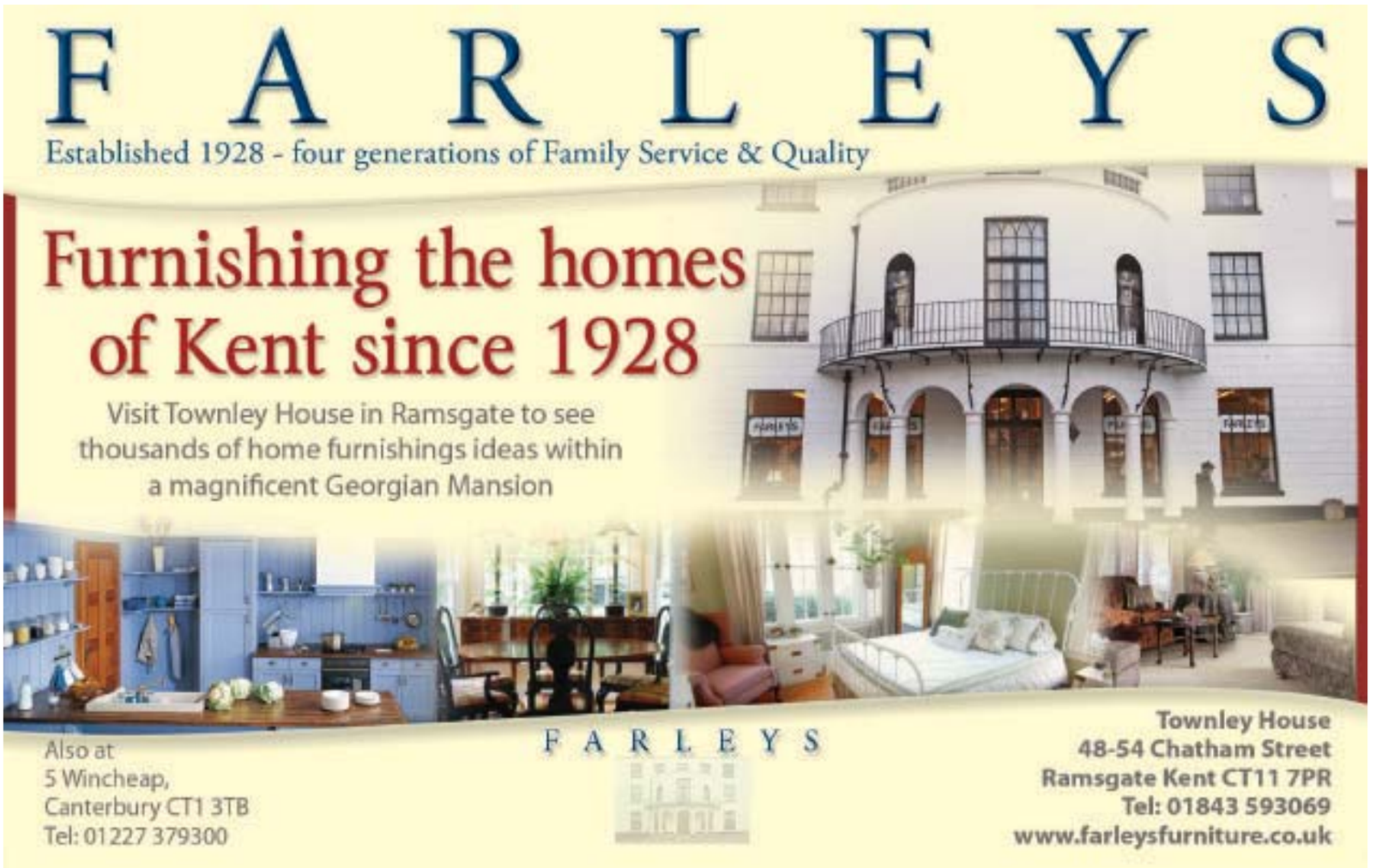

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The move has to be approved by a vote of the whole Parliament.

■ PEOPLE who use Kent County Council's youth service now have a say in how it should be run.

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Remember Jade

Cervical screening uptake in decline

By MARIJKE COX
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HEALTH chiefs are renewing their appeal for women to get screened for cervical cancer as the 'Jade Goody effect' wears off.

Less than 12 months after the 27-year-old reality TV star died of the disease, the number of women coming forward for screening has fallen dramatically across all three of Kent and Medway's primary care trusts.

In March, 2009 – the month Goody lost her battle with cancer – around 6,500 women in Kent accepted their screening requests from the NHS.

This meant figures for last year showed an uptake rate of more than 80 per cent across the county – more than the national average of 79 per cent – despite the number of screenings remaining at normal levels in most other months in 2009.

By the end of April, just weeks after Goody's death, figures had already slipped to just over 4,000 women responding to NHS requests. By December, this had dropped to between 500 and 2,000 at Kent NHS trusts.

Dr John Rodriguez, public health screening lead for the NHS in Kent and Medway, told KOS Media it was important women have regular checks.

INFLUENCE: It is less than a year since Jade Goody died of cancer

"The drop is down to the Jade Goody effect wearing off," he said.

"Uptake figures were high last year, but this is down to the peak in March when she died.

"The NHS is continuously promoting the need for screening. It shouldn't take the death of another well-known person to be the reason women get screened.

"If they are regularly checked then cervical cancer can be prevented."

Dr Rodriguez said there are a number of reasons women do not get screened.

"Some people just don't think about it, or don't think it will happen to them," he said. "Others think it is a personal procedure or are frightened.

"In some cases, women just have a lot of other things going on in their lives. But I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for women to have cervical screening."

Around 66 women in Kent and Medway are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year. In 2008, 28 women died of the disease – the majority had not been screened regularly.

"Unfortunately once it spreads, it is much harder to treat so early diagnosis is important," said Dr Rodriguez.

A vaccination programme is being rolled out for girls aged 12-18.

"These vaccinations are 70 per cent effective," said Dr Rodriguez. "They are given to girls of secondary school age although they may be offered through the GP service."

The injection protects girls from the human papilloma virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted infection and the most common cause of cervical cancer. The Government believes the vaccination could potentially save up to 400 lives a year nationwide.

Cervical screening is offered to 25-64-year-olds, with the NHS urging women to come forward as soon as they hit the target age.

"After breast cancer, cervical cancer is the most common women's cancer in the world – yet it is one of the preventable cancers," said Dr Rodriguez.

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Coastal towns 'at risk from rising sea levels'

EXPERTS warn that parts of Kent's coastal towns could be lost forever unless radical measures are taken to improve sea defences.

STORMY OUTLOOK: Coastal areas face increasing flood risks

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

The authors of a report entitled Facing up to Rising Sea Levels say places like Margate and Herne Bay could look drastically different in 90 years' time, unless planning authorities and the Government sit up and take notice.

According to the study – a joint effort by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) – rising sea levels, more storms and sinking landmasses could leave many UK coastal areas vulnerable to extreme flooding.

The report focuses on the at-risk cities of Hull and Portsmouth, but ICE's Ben Hamer told KOS Media the warnings also apply to Kent's coastal towns.

He said: "There are many places that share the same dangers as Hull and Portsmouth, many of which are on the south and east coast, including Kent.

"It's difficult to talk about the specifics of every town but it's important to start thinking now about what a sustainable city or town needs to look like in the future.

"We're expecting a sea level rise of up to one metre over the next century, as well as an extra 70 to 100 million people living in the UK.

"Many of those people will be living in coastal regions, so we need to start preparing for what's to come."

Last year the Environment Agency revealed that one in six homes in England are at risk of flooding from rivers, the sea or overflowing drains, and that investment in the building and maintaining of flood defences will need to almost double to £1 billion a year by 2035.

It also ranked the South East as being the most at risk region with 111,356 homes in danger, and Shepway the sixth most at risk local area, with 9,065 homes in danger.

The report by ICE and the RIBA suggests three options for tackling rising sea level, one of which is to 'retreat' by moving critical infrastructure and housing to safer ground.

The others are to 'defend' by building town or city-wide sea defences, and to 'attack' by extending the existing coastline and building out on to the water.

Mr Hamer said: "We're not promoting any one of these options, but trying instead to identify the positive outcomes of each.

"It's absolutely serious now. While the solutions we have come up with are for a vision 100 years into the future, the longer we leave it to attract revenue for sea defences and to plan to move communities to more sustainable locations, the fewer options we will have."

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Wave of rescues for lifeboats

KENT'S lifeboat crews had one of their busiest years in 2009, ***writes Chris Murphy.***

The county has stations at Sheerness, Whitstable, Margate, Ramsgate, Walmer, Dover, Littlestone and Dungeness.

Together they launched on 411 occasions and rescued an astonishing 499 people.

Some were routine tasks of bringing in people whose vessels had got into minor difficulty, but many were far more dramatic and dangerous.

The crews are all volunteers who rely on public help with finances to keep going and keep our coastal waters safe.

The RNLI's divisional inspector Andrew Ashton, said: "These figures prove once again what an invaluable service the RNLI is providing to anyone in difficulty around the coast.

"Yet again our volunteers were ready to drop everything whatever the time of day or night, in any weather conditions, to save people in distress.

"It was a very busy year with some stations recording significant increases on previous years.

"This can partly be explained by the increase in the number of people deciding to take their holidays close to home, rather than going abroad, due to the economic climate."

Rescues sometimes pick up a few seadogs, but the Margate crew had to fetch a sea cat when a yacht ran out of fuel.

The frightened kitten was picked up and taken to dry land. The vessel's prop had been damaged by a lobster pot.

And the Dover boat was called out when a stricken fishermen's boat started to drift into the shipping lanes, some of the busiest in the world.

Hoax calls can put the crews' lives at risk. One man called in and said he was going to kill himself off Whitstable.

Windsurfers

The crew there and with a Sea King helicopter scrambled from Suffolk, were sent to sea to find him. But his mobile phone signal was eventually traced back to a caravan in Seasalter.

Picking up exhausted windsurfers along with dozens of vessels with dead engines is a main part of work the lifeboat crews have to contend with.

And they always warn people who use the sea, from going out in boats, to paddling by the shore, to always ensure you are well prepared in case things start going wrong.

Sheerness launched November 1 in heavy seas, driving rain, winds gusting to force nine with visibility down to a quarter of a mile.

They were looking for a boat that had broken down 14 miles away, near the Kentish Flats wind farm.

Lifeboat crew found a motorboat with two men who were not wearing lifejackets or protective clothing. The conditions were so severe it was too dangerous to put a crew member aboard the motorboat to establish a tow.

So the motorboat was abandoned while the sailors were brought back to Sheerness.

The RNLI is holding fund-raising events which will include a 68-mile triathlon by the Dover crew in the town's Biggin Street on a rowing machine, running machine and exercise bike on Saturday, January 30.

Plus the public are invited to join a Welly Walk at 10.30am on a two-mile route from Walmer lifeboat station on Sunday, January 31, and the Duke of Cumberland in High Street, Whitstable, is having a quiz in the evening of the same day.

The Dungeness lifeboat crew will clean cars for £5 at the lifeboat station from 10am-4pm on Saturday, January 30.

CALLOUTS: Whitstable (left) and Dover lifeboats (right) were among the county's crews called out 411 times last year

Council contracts worth millions are up for grabs

CONTRACTS worth £13.6 million for cleaning chemicals and £2.6m for breakfast supplies have been put out for tender by Kent County Council.

The authority is offering local businesses a chance to bid for contracts worth a total of at least £44.8m, including £15m for office furniture and £300,000 for 'office fasteners'.

However, taxpayers may not need to get too agitated as the action by KCC is on behalf of councils throughout the region.

Cabinet member for corporate support services Cllr Roger Gough said: "These figures do not represent expenditure by KCC alone but are the total value of contracts set up on behalf of and accessed by any of the 74 local authorities that make up the south-east region.

"Subject to KCC complying with EU procurement rules, these contracts are available for businesses to tender for, including in Kent."

Some of the contracts – including one worth £135,000 for bagged salt – have already passed their renewal dates while others are not due to be renewed for months. These include £9m for 'audio-visual solutions' and another of £1m for wooden storage furniture.

Cllr Gough said: "As part of our campaign to support Kent businesses, we are raising awareness of these contracts so they can consider applying to tender if and when the contracts are re-awarded."

Firms interested in applying for any of the contracts can call KCC's director of commercial services, Kevin Harlock, on 01622 605352.

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SUFFERING: Kent Police figures reveal that more than 500 sex crimes were committed against children last year

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The real child sex abuse toll will be higher, warns NSPCC

By STEVE KNIGHT
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MORE than 500 sex crimes were committed against children last year in Kent, according to new figures from the NSPCC.

The charity sent Freedom of Information Act requests to all 43 police forces in England and Wales and discovered a total of 21,618 offences during 2008-09 – including rape, gross indecency and incest.

Kent Police revealed there were 508 sex crimes committed against children last year, 60 of which were against those aged 10 or under. Eighty-two victims were aged just 14, while 95 were aged 15.

Det Supt Paul Fotheringham said the figures were in line with those of forces of a similar size.

He added: "Over the last five years Kent Police and the Kent Police Authority have invested heavily in investigating child abuse and managing sex offenders.

"We are in the top five forces nationally in relation to the ratio of sex offenders to officers who manage sex offenders.

"We have dedicated staff to deal with child abuse. There are 55 officers working on child abuse compared with 40 five years ago. We also work closely with partner agencies.

"In combating sex abuse on the internet, we share our methods with other police forces and raise awareness among parents through public campaigns."

According to the NSPCC, 1,000 of the total number of sex crimes committed nationally were against children under the age of five.

The statistics also show girls were six times more likely than boys to be targeted, and that the number of incidents where the offender knew the victim was four times higher than those involving strangers.

Director of strategy and development Phillip Noyes said: "These figures show just how many children are still being sexually abused every day. It's a shocking picture, even more so because these are only offences reported to the police.

"We believe the true extent of the problem is far worse. Some of these children are so young they can't tell anyone what is happening. So it's essential adults look out for them and call the NSPCC helpline or contact police and social services if they are concerned."

Det Supt Fotheringham agreed child abuse was under-reported and assured those affected that there was always someone to turn to.

He said: "There will be children out there now who are suffering horrific abuse in silence. Kent Police are dedicated to helping those children and bringing offenders to justice.

"We urge anyone suffering abuse to tell someone they trust, whether it is a police officer, teacher or by calling the NSPCC or ChildLine.

"Anyone who suffered abuse in their childhood is also encouraged to come forward, as their abuser could still be harming children."

Call ChildLine on 0800 1111 or the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

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LYN PAUL, one of the original members of the chart-topping New Seekers has been cast in the highly-acclaimed lead role of Mrs Johnstone as the 'musical for all time', Blood Brothers goes on tour this autumn.

The record-breaking group, who sold 20 million records worldwide and recently celebrated their 40th anniversary, reformed this year to release their greatest hits album Its Been Too Long, which stormed into the UK top 10 last summer.

Lyn became internationally famous in the 1970s, winning countless awards and gold albums. The band's single I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing reached number one in the UK charts and the group performed at the White House for President Nixon's inauguration and came second in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Considered by many Blood Brothers fans as the quintessential Mrs Johnstone, Lyn first joined the West End production of Blood Brothers in 1997, starring in the lead role for the next three years, including during the show's 10th anniversary year.

She has also played the role repeatedly on tour.

Lyn will be appearing in Blood Brothers from February 23-27 at the Assembly Hall Theatre.

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Lord Lieutenant's focus on youth's contribution

CELEBRATING the achievements of the county's youth is this year's main theme for the Lieutenancy of Kent.

Lord Lieutenant Allan Willett – who acts as the Queen's representative in Kent – said it was important to recognise the important contributions young people have made in the past and continue to make to this day.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Army Cadet Force and the centenary of Girlguiding UK, as well as the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation and the Battle of Britain.

Mr Willett said many of the young men involved in the latter two operations were the same age as the cadets and guides of today.

He added: "It is of great importance that the young people of today understand and appreciate the sacrifices of earlier generations.

"It is equally important older generations do not write off today's young people as soft, uncaring and troublesome, but instead hear about the positive things they are achieving, not only in uniformed youth organisations but in clubs as young carers and the like."

A special event based on the 'celebrating youth' theme will be held at the County Showground, Detling, on Saturday, May 15.

Mr Willett made the announcement at the Lieutenancy of Kent's annual meeting, which was attended by 60 serving and retired deputy lieutenants from across the county.

ANNUAL MEETING: Allan Willett, left, with Lady Kingsdown, former Vice Lord Lieutenant Countess Mountbatten of Burma who presented the Spirit of Kent Awards, Lord Kingsdown, and Anne Willett

Meanwhile, former Kent County Council leader Lord Kingsdown and his wife have both received Spirit of Kent awards.

Lord Kingsdown was honoured for his contributions to the county, which also included 19 years as Lord Lieutenant, two years as deputy and a further 10 as Vice Lord Lieutenant.

His wife – Lady Kingsdown – is a former president of the Red Cross and has also served on the board of governors of several charities included Demelza House and Age Concern.

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Kiwi bees are flying to rescue

WINGED SALVATION: Specially bred New Zealand short-haired bumblebees will be sited at Dungeness reserve

AN AMBITIOUS global project to introduce new bees to a bird reserve in Kent is gaining pace after a queen turned out to be a prolific mother.

Short-haired bumblebees from New Zealand are being relocated to the RSPB reserve at Dungeness. The species had all but died out at the site over generations, so it was decided to import a new batch from across the world.

Sophie McCallum, from the RSPB, said: "We are not stealing the bees from New Zealand. New ones are being specially bred and they will be brought back to Dungeness by the summer hopefully, but it all depends on how the breeding goes.

"It is currently under way in New Zealand and things are looking good at this stage. We are very confident, especially as they are on the brink of extinction in the UK."

This is also the International Year of Biodiversity, making the plan even more important.

The short-haired bumblebee was once widespread in the south of England, but has disappeared as a result of changes in farming methods. However, populations taken to New Zealand by British settlers a century ago have survived.

RSPB volunteer Rob Jones is currently in New Zealand along with Nikki Gammans of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. They are working on the South Island and have collected queen bees that are then being reared in Christchurch.

Latest reports say the queens are now laying eggs and some of the nests have larvae.

Ms Gammans said: "Queen number 30 is our best queen so far with more than 12 larvae developing. We have another five or so catching her up, but fingers crossed she will produce some lovely workers.

"All remaining queens have now laid eggs so all are coming along, but they are moving slowly."

It hasn't all been plain sailing, with some of the queens dying out.

She said: "We unfortunately lost half of the queens collected, which we did expect would happen."

Encouraged

Sam Dawes, RSPB's head of conservation for the South East, said: "The loss of this bumblebee is a prime example of the pressures faced by the UK's natural environment.

"A huge amount of work has been done to improve the site for bumblebees. We've encouraged the flowering plants they love and it is already a haven for many bumblebees, but it is not often you get a chance to bring back a species which has been lost."

Meanwhile, a new farming system is good news for wildlife like birds and bees. It will be used on farms around the UK, including Kent, to increase the areas farmers need to sow with plants that produce wild birdseed such as cereals, quinoa, sunflower and millet.

It will help bird species like the yellowhammer, linnet and corn bunting by providing more winter food.

Darren Moorcroft, head of farming advice at the RSPB, said: "Populations have declined by 50 per cent across the UK in recent decades and if we are going to save iconic species we must act now."

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Let's look to our brighter future

WITH high unemployment hanging over the county for the past two years, most people have barely been able to think of the month ahead, let alone 30 years into the future.

But this week, Kent County Council presented us with a vision of what Kent could be like by 2030. Not only are there promises of better roads and more jobs, but they believe the region could become so appealing that out-of-towners will be flocking here.

No doubt these plans will spark numerous debates and political disputes, but we must remember that the plans are exactly that, just plans – nothing is definite.

In fact, it would be easy to dismiss them as yet another empty promise, but actually it is an inspiring masterplan. And nothing on this scale has been done in Kent before.

And so, if people allow themselves to get just a little bit carried away with it, the gloomy cloud that is starting to shift could disappear altogether and we could all look towards that bright future.

The fickle French

SO THE French are trying to tempt away our prospective Olympic guests with their food, wine and, let's be honest, cheap hotels.

The French have even gone so far as to try and steal our nationality, claiming they are as English as the rest of us – even after that poor old Duke of Guise spent so long trying to recapture Calais from us all those years ago.

Well, let's see how long until the fickle Frenchmen ditch that Englishness they've suddenly acquired. I'd say the end of 2012.

OPINION: Curbing over-population

Terry Hudson explains why we are all victims of our own success

DO you think we need more house building in Kent, or Britain as a whole?

Proposed incinerators, sewage plants, lorry parks, landfill sites, wind farms, power stations, etc, all bring howls of protest from those who will live near them, even though they are essential for modern life.

People complain of crowded trains and congested roads. There are many groups for and against such schemes, constantly arguing and bickering over these issues, some with valid points, others are just nimby driven.

We constantly hear that people do not want the countryside 'concreted' over. We may want our open spaces, but we also want all modern amenities.

Many now have more leisure time and have far greater access to the countryside.

Parks and gardens are becoming ever more appreciated, especially now, with so many urban areas becoming more congested, vandalised and shabby.

Worldwide we are seeing the destruction of natural habitats, with thousands of animal species threatened by extinction because of habitat loss, as mankind makes ever greater demands on the land, for housing or cleared for crops or fossil fuel substitutes, logging, etc.

Often this cleared land is of poor quality and can only be used for a few years before it becomes 'exhausted' and so more land is cleared. This can lead to deforestation, often the cause of tragic mud-slides or at the other extreme, using up all the natural water supplies.

Whatever your religion, most believe in some supreme being, a 'creator,' yet do any of these religions believe all this should be systematically destroyed?

So what is the common thread to all these problems we now face?

At present, we are told, global warming 'is the greatest threat to mankind' and it certainly has been very lucrative for world governments to maintain this scenario. But is it the greatest threat? Surely the bottom line for all these problems is over-population?

If global warming is a threat because of man's activities, then if there were less population growth, the problem would be alleviated?

As places like Africa become more prosperous and human life there more prolonged, then this increased longevity is at the expense of the plant and animal life, as land is devoured for human food production and lifestyles. It's the same in South America, with its huge slum cities and increasing demands on its land and resources.

China and India's rapidly increasing prosperity, with their huge expanding populations chasing western lifestyles, will see the world's consumers doubling in a short space of time.

China is often criticised for its pollution problems, but their one child policy for many years (though I think this is changing) has done more for the planet than some of their critics.

Governments are keen to impose 'green' taxes, yet on the other hand, are only too willing to offer child benefits and tax allowances to those who have children. With the advances in contraception, is this policy now outdated?

I am not saying these should be stopped for present-day claimants, but for future births, do these financial inducements, need to be re-considered now we have a real choice in the matter?

Surely it is time for all the world's governments to encourage their people to refrain from having large families and perhaps be seen as irresponsible to do so.

I know these are not easy concepts to accept. Children and families are important to a balanced, caring society – it is that feeling of continuation of life, which is only natural.

But in cold reality, every new person is a consumer of the world's limited resources.

Even in this country we have seen that we are exchanging quality for quantity. The average house is getting smaller, gardens are getting smaller, people are housed in tower blocks to cram as many people into an even smaller area. Every little space has an infill of a new house. All this cramming brings its own social problems.

Man has been the most successful of all the animals, but we are also victims of our own success. We must endeavour to live alongside the animal and plant world, for it is these basic things that give us our core values.

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Subjects in the sludge

Why is it that under Queen Elizabeth II's constitutional monarchy, her subjects are denied the voice citizens of true democratic countries, such as Switzerland and Australia, enjoy?

Here, in this sludge plant project, we have had objection to the idea by residents and others overlooked by money-worshipping councillors and county council bureaucrats.

Why is it that our neighbours in France have a greater say in their democracy than we do here? They also get better value for their taxes, for which mayors and councillors account yearly.

Also, thinking of the ever-increasing cost of and shortage of water, why is it that contractor Country Style – a mockery of those words – wishes to pollute the water beds of the local water company?

Yet Kent County Council raises no objection. KCC and Shepway council have no regard for the health of their tax-paying constituents.

E Pettinger, Hythe

Brown's tainted legacy

It's election year and Prime Minister Gordon Brown is getting the country working, so this month VAT has gone back to 17.5 per cent.

Train fairs have risen and station car park charges have risen. All this on top of unemployment and soaring petrol prices.

Around the corner are massive post-election job cuts. Let's all remember Labour's legacy: gold reserves sold off too cheaply; pension funds raided; banks bailed out and rewarded for bad practice.

The voters didn't get to vote on the EU after broken promises by both main parties. This country won't forget what they have done to this once-great country.

Roll on the general election – and roll on the UK Independence Party.

Trevor Shonk, Ramsgate

Still thrown by this horse

It is over a year since Mark Wallinger's design for the Ebbsfleet landmark was put forward and KOS Media's view that "it reminds us of the origins of Kent's Invicta horse symbol" was – quite rightly – disputed at that time by several readers, including myself.

There is no resemblance to Invicta – a magnificent beast rearing on its hind legs with flowing mane, giving the impression of movement and power – which has a long, historic symbolism in Kent.

It is disappointing that the county council has seemingly approved this horror and I hope the people of Kent will register their disapproval and get the backing of councillors and MPs to overturn the decision and replace Drab Dobbin with Invicta.

I agree it would be a waste of money if the symbol just stood on its own and think it would be a good idea to include it with something that would serve the community, as long as the statue itself would be a prominent feature which can be seen from some distance.

Last week's paper had a statement from Cllr Nick Chard that Ashford-born Olympic gold medallist Jamie Staff was keen to be involved in promoting a multi-cycling facility of international standard in Northfleet.

Jamie is popular and successful and his backing will guarantee support from all those interested in cycling and their supporters. Room to incorporate a true symbol of Kent – the wonderful Invicta horse?

Pam Manser, West Farleigh

Perverted predators

Leading anti-rape campaigner Jill Saward is correct to brand an indeterminate prison sentence of 12 years handed to the rapist of a 12-year-old girl as inadequate and wholly insubstantial.

Rape victims are often permanently traumatised by their horrific ordeal. From the moment this terrible deed takes place the victim begins a life sentence.

The prison success rate for reforming rapists is extremely small as they are inherently evil. I strongly recommend that those convicted of rape are never released from jail.

They should die behind bars. This is the best way to guarantee that these dangerous criminals cannot reoffend. Another alternative is to sterilise all sex offenders. Critics of this claim chemical castration contravenes a person's human rights.

However, one should remember that paedophiles and rapists show complete disregard for the rights of their victims to remain unmolested when they perform their wicked acts.

An excessive show of compassion and undue clemency towards these perverted predators only succeeds in betraying every past and future victim of sexual abuse.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

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Embracing the change

I know I am not alone in thinking that a lot of people in Gravesend would welcome smart, modern regeneration to parts of our town.

I have looked closely at the plans to develop both the market car parks and St George's shopping centre and the design and materials being suggested are very impressive; the use of wood, steel, glass and slate will give a modern and refreshing transformation to the riverside area.

St Andrew's Gardens are made larger with much more seating available to view the river from, and a newly laid-out shopping centre with main brand shops and cafés would be an attraction to all those who live on the outskirts of Gravesend who very rarely visit because of its downbeat feeling.

Gravesend is on the cusp of becoming an extremly welcoming town for people and investors, we have the high-speed rail link, a wonderful river, beautiful parks, a new motorway to link us with the country and coast, new schools being built for future generations and our multicultural community is a beacon to towns around the country.

Please let's not let this opportunity to revitalise the town slip through our fingers. I often read and hear about a group known as Urban Gravesham, who seem intent on scuppering the plans. If we do not embrace this rare opportunity, what will become of the town?

Lets face it, Edinburgh House is only going on car parks – parking will improve and go underground, by the way. Ironically, those car parks are where people used to live. In the 1930s my mum lived where St George's is now. So let's put people and life back where it belongs, in the town centre.

Please let the council and the media know you are behind the project. If not, you may find one day that the chance has gone for ever.

Phil Hales, Gravesend

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DUNGATE-MARSH

Ben and Amanda are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Olivia who was born on 6th January 2010 weighing 9lbs 3oz. Proud Grandparents are Alison, Kelvin and Sally.

FREEMAN

Richard and Natasha are proud to announce the arrival of their first born child Ewan Alexander Freeman. Ewan was born at 7.14am on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at The Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate. Weighing in at 7lb 6oz, little Ewan is the first grandson to Danny Welch, Diane Streete and Jill and Rob Freeman.

FULLER

Ada Godlewska and Gavin Fuller celebrate the birth of their son Callum Thomas Fuller on 15th January 2010, brother to Oscar

GRANT-LITTLECHILD

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Emma and Andrew Lennox-Kay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Amy Lennox-Kay on 2nd January 2010. A wonderful sister to Benjamin and Eloise.

MARLBOROUGH

Lily Louise born on 12th December 2009,weighing 6lbs. Daughter to Darren and Rebecca in Herne Bay.Precious little sister for Scarlett.

MARSH

Vincent Marsh and Crystal Taylor celebrate the birth of their daughter Summer Lily Eve marsh on 31st December 2009 at Darenth Valley Hospital weighing 4lbs 13ozs.

MCCULLOCH

Andrew and Elizabeth of Hythe celebrate the birth of their daughter Lindsay Elizabeth McCulloch on 5th January 2010, weighing 9lb 1oz.

OSOLASE

Obeahon and Omoye are proud to announce the birth of Caesar Ezehi Osolase born 5th January 2010 weighing 4.256 kg. A little brother to Zion

RHODES / NUGENT

Natalie Nugent and Ian Rhodes celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Ashley Rhodes on 20th January 2010 weighing 6lbs 3oz.

RIGDEN

Craig, born 13th January 2010 weighing 7lb 7.5oz. Son for Richard and Debbie, and brother for Jamie and Mark

TENNIS

Isabelle Gracie-May born 11th January 2010. Daughter to Jason Tennis and Lisa Rogers, sister to Cameron, Liam, Cian and Tia.

YORKE

Clare and Paul Yorke celebrate the birth of their son Jack Paul William Yorke on 15th January 2010.

DEATHS

BAXENDALE

June Baxendale of Hythe Kent passed away suddenly but peacefully on 20th January 2010. A much loved mother, sister and partner who will be deeply missed. Please contact the family regarding the funeral arrangements.

CLYNE

John Clyne passed away peacefully at Darent Valley Hospital on the 17th January 2010.The Funeral will be held at Eltham Crematorium on 19th February at 11am.

CRANFIELD

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 20th January 2010 after a long battle with cancer. Much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Funeral service to be held at St. Peters Church of England, New Road, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent on Monday 1st February 2010 at 10:30am. Family flowers only please but donations to the Heart of Kent Hospice.

FEAREY

David Bernard devoted husband of Ann, loving father to Louisa and Elizabeth and fun-loving grandpa to Richard, William, Edward and Elizabeth-Ann passed away peacefully on 19th January 2010 aged 70. The funeral service will be held at St Mary and All Saints Church, Boxley on Thursday 4th February 2010 at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, please, Donations if desired may be made to the Motor Neurone Disease Association (Mid Kent Branch) and sent c/o Viner and Son's Ltd, Funeral Directors, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME14 6LU 01732 842 485.

EVANS

Doris Evans of Palm Bay ,Cliftonville passed away peacefully on 21st January 2010 aged 93. A wonderful, caring mother, grandmother and mother-in-law who will be sadly missed by her family and all her friends. Funeral service to take place at Thanet Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd February at 12.40p.m.

FILE

Mary Ellen File of Hythe formerly of Gillingham, passed away on the 8th January 2010 aged 90 years. Funeral at Hawkinge Crematorium on the 8th February 2010 at 11:45am. Enquiries to Hambrook and Johns Hythe 01303 266525.

LING

Nora (Pat) Ling is sad to announce the Death of her husband Cecil Victor Ling who died on 15th January 2010 after a short illness. Victor will be greatly missed by Nora and all of his Family. His funeral was held on 28th January 2010 at Medway Crematorium at 11.20am.

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Dr Dawe's fairy tales

Hurray for the likes of Terry Mullard. It's about time the silent, sane majority made its views known about man-made global warming. The whole thing is a myth. It doesn't exist. I get so frustrated at the fairy tales peddled by the likes of Dr Hazel Dawe of Kent Green Party. Surely there can't be many people left who still believe that anything we do has any effect on the climate.

If there is a more offensive blot on the horizon than the monstrosities they call wind farms, I have yet to see it.

The future is nuclear and coal-fired power stations and Dr Dawe and her ilk are living in cloud cuckoo land if they can't see that. The truth is these people need man-made climate change. It is their reason for being. The only scientists who support it are also those with a financial investment in continuing the myth.

Sadly, I will not be around when climate change is exposed as the biggest con trick of the 21st century, as it surely will be.

Still, think of the job opportunities when all the wind farms have to be demolished.

Iain Tiltman, Margate

Never a Duff moment

Thank goodness we have professional experts like Ray Duff to show us the error of our ways. Unfortunately they are always a bit short on detail and never have solutions.

The rainforests are being destroyed to provide land to grow food for people starving now. Yet Mr Duff claims the world can support twice as many people.

When is this utopia going to arrive and how? And what do we do in the meantime?

The Chinese have been bringing a new coal-fired station on stream every few days, to provide the West with goods people want now. India is also polluting at a massive rate to do the same.

Are all the measures Mr Duff suggests going to cancel out the damage these countries do on our behalf? And if so, when?

I'm afraid all the pie-in-the-sky theories aren't going to cure the problems the world has now and which are causing irreversible damage to our planet.

This is the real problem we face, not the discredited nonsense about glaciers melting and natural disasters being caused by global warming. As for solar power, how is each family going to find the thousands necessary to cover their roofs in expensive panels, fill their sheds with back-up batteries and buy the rest of the equipment required?

Phil Granger, West Malling

Blood on Blair's hands

With regards to the sad death in Afghanistan of Rifleman Peter Aldridge from Folkestone, may I first extend my sincere condolences to his family and friends at the loss of an undoubtedly brave and commited son and soldier.

However, having been in the town centre in late 2002 and early 2003 on behalf of the Stop The War Coalition campaigning against the Iraq invasion, with people queuing up to say they were also against, I have to say that most of what we said then has, to a greater or lesser extent, happened.

More recently, we have seen the largely toothless Chilcott Inquiry being told, in the main, it was all his, or her, fault with most of the fingers pointing to Tony Blair, who was due to give evidence this week.

Sadly, it is very unlikely that he, George W Bush and other neo-cons will ever be sent to the war-crimes tribunal in The Hague to account for their actions.

Further, the recent BBC series presented by Rory Stewart on TE Lawrence (of Arabia) and the situation in the Middle East during and after World War One, reminded us all very clearly that the decisions, and indeed the reneging on promises made for the aftermath, led directly to today's messy situation.

Lawrence himself, if he were alive today, would have been against any interference in the area, despite the awfulness of Saddam et al, given his knowledge of the Arab world which still regards Britain, France and the USA with great suspicion and resentment.

Finally, Kim Howells MP said last week that Britain should stop trying to punch way above its weight militarily.

I agree. Our troops would surely have been better employed helping alleviate the situation in Haiti recently and, if requested, help with the rebuilding under UN blue beret status.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Burka ban step too far

Ukip's Nigel Farage wishes the wearing of burkas or niqabs to be banned. I think a complete ban is a step too far, mainly because it would be unenforceable.

However, I do agree that anyone wearing any garment that obscures the face should be prohibited from entering any bank, building society, airport, bus, train, museum or such other public buildings as are deemed appropriate.

If someone wishes to walk down the street wearing such a garment I see no objection to it, but they should expect to be stopped and questioned by the police.

People wearing a disguise should be regarded with suspicion and not as people making a fashion statement, still less a religious statement.

Prevention of terrorism is much more important than going to excessive lengths to avoid giving offence to those who are often far too ready to take offence where none is intended.

As an Anglo-Saxon whose ancestors have lived in this country for many centuries, I resent having to produce identification plus my gas bill or similar when I want to open another account in a bank or building society where I have been a customer for 50 years.

On the other hand, I was amused rather than annoyed on one occasion when I was stopped in the street by the police when wearing a balaclava.

I think it is time the major political parties recognised the very real concerns of ordinary people who are no longer permitted to say what they think in case they offend someone.

If the main parties fail to address this imbalance there will be many reasonable law-abiding citizens who will be voting for Ukip, the BNP and other, perhaps far worse, fringe parties.

Elizabeth Lonkhurst, Folkestone

It's time to face facts

Should the UK follow the French and ban the burka from public places?

It is a great shame on the Muslim community that we are even considering a ban on the burka and niqab, it is not normal in the UK to walk around with the face covered, and those wearing such garments should respect our ways without the need to make a law.

If a law is to be passed, it will be unreasonable to ban a garment on religious grounds, but could be banned on the grounds that it covers the face, the same as the law in the Netherlands, but that includes motorcycle helmets, balaclavas and painted faces.

I understand that in Saudi Arabia women wearing the burka on the street uncover their faces when entering a public building, so why do they not do the same in this country?

I suggest shopkeepers, banks and anyone in a public place request a burka wearer to reveal their face.

If the request is refused, access should be denied. If the problem persists it may then become necessary to create a law.

Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Mosque and Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar University in Egypt, the most senior of muslim clerics, has said the wearing of the burka or niqab has nothing to do with religion and should not be worn.

I do not want to make a law which describes how people should dress, so I call on the Muslim population to accept that they must comply with our principles, and do what is apporpriate.

Bob Oakley, Ukip parliamentary candidate, Gillingham and Rainham

Nice's DVT guidance

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Nice) is offering groundbreaking guidance in the fight against deep vein thrombosis (DVT).

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The guidance will mean every adult admitted to hospital must be assessed for their risk of developing DVT, with clear protocols in place for those deemed at risk.

The Government has prioritised the prevention of DVT in 2010 and Nice has now made its view clear. In short, the gauntlet has been laid down to the hospitals themselves to turn guidance into best practice.

Professor Beverley Hunt, director of Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity; Dr Simon Noble, consultant, palliative medicine, Newport; Kim Carter, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust

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Network rail seeks women

MORE women should enter the railway industry to improve services for Kent commuters, according to the chief executive of Network Rail.

Announcing the launch of a new campaign to attract women to the workplace, Iain Coucher said sexist and outdated perceptions about job opportunities for women were a damaging barrier to building better railways.

He added: "We need more exceptional women to join us at Network Rail.

"I'm sure they are being put off by an outdated image of what we need. This is a scandalous waste."

Skills Fest is huge success

STUDENTS from 17 secondary schools tried their hands at plumbing, carpentry and more at Thanet Skills Fest, organised by the Kent Education Business Partnership.

Eighty companies took part in the initiative, providing youngsters with hands-on experience in a number of roles so they can decide which career suits them.

The partnership's Anne McNulty said: "The businesses who gave up their time to support all these young people did a magnificent job.

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Rapper's TV ad aims to inspire student success

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
steve.knight@kosmedia.co.uk

RAP artist Kano has teamed up with a group of Kent students to produce an advertising campaign for the new diploma qualification.

The 24-year-old star, who featured on a remix of the recent Tinchy Stryder chart-topper Number 1, worked with youngsters from Gravesend's Thames View School on the government project.

The advert hit television screens last week and features the youngsters working on the music video for Kano's next single More Than One Way, which was recently hailed by Radio 1 DJ Zane Lowe as the "hottest record in the world".

Kano – real name Kane Robinson – said he contributed his song to the campaign to inspire young people to achieve their dreams.

He said: "It's important because there are too many kids who don't think they can make it to the top.

"They give up before they've even started and that's wrong. Everyone can succeed and it's really important young people believe in themselves.

"I want kids to know there are different ways of succeeding. Studying the diploma is one of them, but there are lots of other education routes and everyone needs to know what their options are so they can make the best choice for themselves."

The diploma is a qualification for 14 to 19-year-olds which combines practical and academic learning in subjects including engineering, business and sport.

Figures released last month show there are now more than 36,000 youngsters studying for a diploma nationally.

Schools secretary Ed Balls said: "The diploma students behind Kano's inspirational video are the best evidence of what can be achieved with the right opportunities.

"We offer young people a range of options so they do the qualifications that are right for them. This means every young person now has the chance to learn in a way that suits them, and to enjoy success at school or college and later on in life.

"The diploma is a great qualification that is growing in popularity all the time. It is just one element of the offer we make to young people so they can all succeed, whether their strengths are practical or academic."

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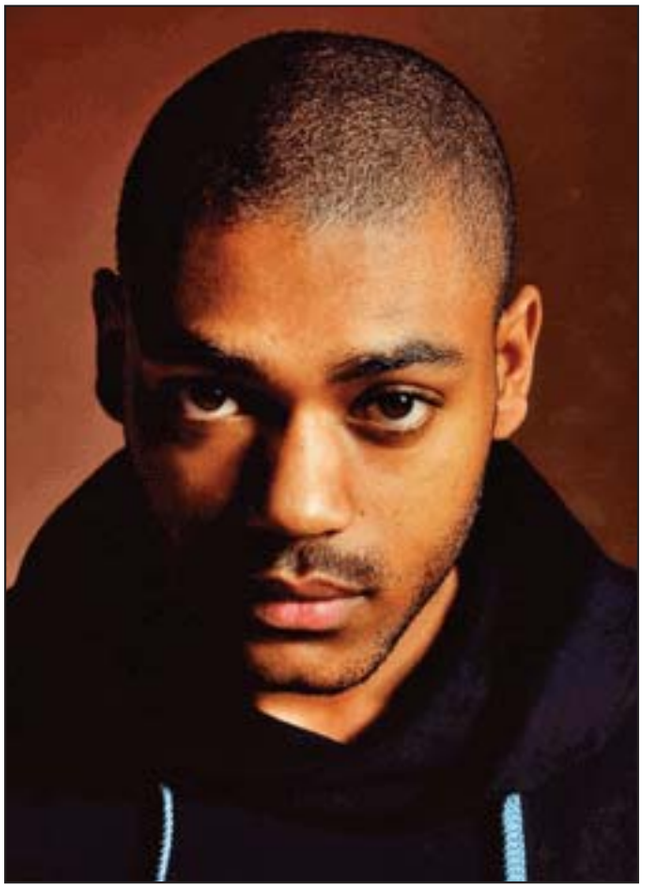

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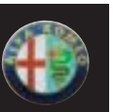

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Lecturer in Holistics
Ref: P0345

Salary: £22,653 - £26,395 per annum
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We are looking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic Lecturer in the Beauty Department to deliver high quality training and assessment procedures to full and part time learners. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

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Ref: P0384

37 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
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Hourly Paid Lecturer in Catering
Ref: SE134

Hourly Rate: £24.42 - £27.05
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Ref: SE456

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Ref: SE845

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Closing Date: Wednesday 10 February 2009

MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
A21 TONBRIDGE TO PEMBURY DUALLING - ADDENDUM TO FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Part VA of the Highways Act 1980, and further to paragraph 3.5.15 of volume 1 of the Environmental Statement for the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling, that the Flood Risk Assessment with full Environment Agency has been published as an Addendum.

The Addendum is available for inspection free of charge at all reasonable hours from 25 January until 5 March 2010, at the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1SZ and at Tonbridge Library, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1TG; Pembury Library, The Hop House, Hemwood Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4HS; Tunbridge Wells Library, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NS; Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS; Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Gateway, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BG and Kent County Council Reception, Invicta House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

If you wish to make any representations relating to this Addendum including objections or otherwise, please forward these to Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking Surrey RH4 1SZ not later than 5 March 2010.

PAUL ARNOLD
Senior Project Manager
Highways Agency

22 January 2010

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that we Hop Farm Trading Ltd, have applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as the Hop Farm Country Park, Beltring, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6PY in respect of the following licensable activities: -

1. Sale of Alcohol
2. Provision of Regulated Entertainment
3. Provision of Late Night Refreshment

The application can be viewed at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4LZ during normal office hours. www.tmbc.gov.uk

Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the above local authority, clearly stating the grounds upon which representation is made relevant to the Licensing Act by 23rd February 2010.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine, level 5 on the standard scale, is a maximum of £5,000 for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Stephen Thomas LAW
8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents on and behalf of the applicant.

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/03201/LB – Court Farm 100 High Street Aylesford Kent ME20 7AZ – Mr Terry Boyle is applying for Listed Building Application: Conversion and alterations to store and piggery to form separate detached dwellinghouse. Reason: LB CA

TM/09/03072/LB – Rosalinds Cottage 466 Station Road Aylesford Kent ME20 7QB – The Brassey Trust are applying for Listed Building Application for the demolition of concrete pill box. Reason: LB CA

TM/09/03147/FL – Fairseat House Vigo Road Fairseat Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7LU – Mr Richards is applying for demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new two storey outbuilding. Reason: LB CA HH

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB	Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA	Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
HH	Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 21 February 2010.

David Hughes
Chief Executive

31 January 2010

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/00073/LBC Mill House Mill Street, Benenden
- Listed Building Consent - Demolish and rebuild existing damaged cellar wall and replace damaged concrete floor, both works to incorporate tanking layer to waterproof cellar (LB)

10/00006/LBC Cherry Trees The Green, Brenchley
- Listed building consent - Customer toilets to be constructed. No walls to be demolished only the construction of new ones. Post box to be removed and re-sited to new post office. Front exterior of tea rooms to be re-painted (LB)

10/00086/LBC Heath Cottage Brenchley Road, Brenchley
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of proposed window to side elevation, including deletion of proposed door to side elevation and repositioning of existing side window to be opaque glazed, removal of one of the roof-lights and introduction of a flat ceiling within the kitchen (LB)

10/00081/HOUSE 31A Langton Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater
- Convert ground floor store into living room and single storey extension (CA)

09/04039/LBC Ophir High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent - Remove existing hanging tiles on both sides and rear of property; remove battens; treat all visible timbers; insulate wall with rigid board insulation using Tyveck; rebatten; retile using existing tiles and making up any shortfall with matching tiles (LB)

09/04065/FUL Gills Green Farm Land & Buildings Wellington Road, Hawkhurst
- Demolition of sheep shed and removal of other buildings and containers previously used for a dried flower business. Conversion of a barn to a live/work unit. Development of stables and ancillary storage. Change of use of land to equestrian use. Associated parking and landscaping proposals (DEVPLN) (LB)

10/00083/FULMJ Maidstone & District Bus Station Rye Road, Hawkhurst
- Demolition of the former bus station and erection of single storey A1 retail unit with ancillary car parking for 82 vehicles, including 3 disabled and 3 parent/child parking spaces (CA)(MAJOR)

10/00045/FUL Castlemaine Oast House Maidstone Road, Horsmonden
- Retrospective - Oil tanks, oil tank and bin store enclosure, and fencing to sub-divide gardens (LB)

09/04074/FUL The Swan The Down, Lamberhurst
- Single storey extension to provide additional seating area to existing public house (LB) (CA)

09/04076/LBC The Swan The Down, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Single storey extension to provide additional seating area to existing public house (LB)

10/00069/FUL Lindridge Lodge Farm Buildings Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst- Variation to the residential curtilage and parking arrangements of the Approved scheme TW/03/00472 and erection of a 1.8 metre timber fence (LB)

10/00088/FUL Mascalls Pound Cottage Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood
- Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with relocation of access (LB)

10/00087/LBC 9 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent: replace an interconnecting security door between 90-92 High Street and 9 London Road with solid brick wall with plaster finish (LB)

09/04056/HOUSE Autumn Hill Dunorlan Park, Park
- Alterations to the roof slope/pitch and fenestration with associated works (CA)

09/03990/LBC North Lodge David Salomons Estate Speldhurst Road, Southborough And High Brooms
- Listed Building Consent - Installation of combination boiler and positioning of a 100mm diameter flue through the outside wall (LB)

10/00063/HOUSE 69 The Boundary Langton Green, Speldhurst
- First floor extension over existing garage (LB)

10/00092/HOUSE Burnt House Burnt House Lane, Speldhurst
- Renewal - single storey extension to form breakfast room (TW/05/00166 refers) (LB)

10/00096/LBC Burnt House Burnt House Lane, Speldhurst
- Listed building consent - Renewal - single storey extension to form breakfast room (TW/05/00166 refers) (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 30 January 2010

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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

SHALMSFORD ROAD, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Shalmsford Road, Chilham between the junctions with the A28 Canterbury Road and Pilgrims Lane, on or after 6 February 2010 for an estimated period of 1 day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A28 Canterbury Road, Mulberry Hill, Cobbs Hill, Lower Lees Road and Shalmsford Road.

POUND LANE, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs and strengthening, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Pound Lane, Brabourne, between the junction with Canterbury Road and 'Wren Cottage,' on or after 1 February 2010, for an estimated period of up to 5 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Canterbury Road, Plain Road and Pound Lane.

BETHERSDEN ROAD, SMARDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway strengthening and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bethersden Road, Smarden, between the junction with Romden Road and Blinks Farm, on or after 1 February 2010, for an estimated period of up to 3 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bethersden Road, Pot Kiln Lane, High Halden Road, Wagstaff Lane, Kelsham Lane and Luckhurst Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway patching, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Ashford on or after 15 February 2010 for an estimated period of up to 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The extent of the closures and the alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in the Schedule below.

Road Name: **Bethersden Road, Shadoxhurst**
Extent: Between the junction with Criol Lane, up to Hancock's Farm
Dates: 15 February 2010 for up to one day
Diversion: Ashford Road, Chilmington Green Road, Criol Road and Bethersden Road

Road Name: **Hook Lane, Charing**
Extent: from and including the railway bridge to Cherry Tree Cottage
Dates: 16 February 2010 for up to 1 day
Diversion: A20 Maidstone Road, Station Road, Charing Heath Road and Hook Lane

Road Name: **Ash Hill Ruckinge**
Extent: from the Old Rectory to the junction with Ruckinge Road
Dates: 17 February 2010 for up to 2 days
Diversion: Stonegate Lane, Stone Cross Road, Dynes Lane, Ashford Road and Ruckinge Road

Road Name: **Spelders Hill, Brook**
Extent: from the junction with Nackolt Road to 'The Willows'
Dates: 20February 2010 for up to 1 day
Diversion: Nackolt Road, Oxenturn Road, Upper Bridge Street, Scotton Street, Coldharbour Lane, Amage Road, The Street and Spelders Hill

Road Name: **Goldwell Lane, Great Chart With Singleton**
Extent: between the junctions with Vitters Oak Lane and Etchden Road
Dates: 22 February 2010 for up to 2 days
Diversion: Etchden Road, Ninn Lane, The Street, Ashford Road and Goldwell Lane

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

ANVIL GREEN ROAD, WALTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of BT pole and cable replacement works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Anvil Green Road, Waltham between Penny Pot Lane and Temple Field, on or after 1 February 2010. This is for an estimated period of 5 days or until the works are complete. The works will be carried out between the hours 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Richdore Road, Kake Street and Waltham Road.

NORTH CANTERBURY AREA (WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT No1) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Order under 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order prohibits any person to cause any vehicle capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross weight from using the following roads subject to exemptions for loading and unloading, emergency service vehicles and public service vehicles:-

Name of Road	Length of road affected
Rough Common Road	entire length
Moat Lane	entire length
Oaks Park	entire length
Ravens Court Road	entire length
Lovell Road	entire length
Fir Tree Close	entire length
Ross Gardens	entire length
Maple Close	entire length
Stockwood Chase	entire length
Church Wood Close	entire length
Garden Close	entire length
Sydney Cooper Close	entire length
St Michael's Close	entire length
Palmar's Cross Hill	entire length

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way

Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to t&d.canterbury.thanet@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 22 January 2010.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 10) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to:

1) Introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places on the following roads or lengths of road

Princes Road	Humber Road	The Chennies
Dartford Road A266	Priory Road	Birchwood Drive
Crayford Road A207	Sundridge Close	Curates Walk
North Road	Bayly Road, Bean	Church Hill
Southfleet Road, Bean		School Lane, Bean

2) reduce the lengths of no waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on the following road or length of road:

Barn End Lane

The Order was sealed on 25 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 15th February 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway and footway repairs.

Schedule 1

Road Name: **Summerhill Road, Dartford**
Extent: Complete length
Diversion: Highfield Road, Roman Road West Hill, Tower Raod and Miskin Road

Road Name: **Miskin Road**
Extent: Between its junctions with Rutland Close to Summerhill Road
Diversion: Shepherds Lane, West Hill, Highfield Road North, Westgate Road, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty, Market Street, Lowfield Street, Instone Road and Highfield Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

FOLKESTONE ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Folkestone Road, Dover, on or after 16 February 2010, for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The suggested diversion for through traffic will be via B2011 Folkestone Road, Court Wood Interchange, A20 Archcliffe Road, Limekiln Street, Snargate Street, York Street and Folkestone Road.

There is also a local diversion for light traffic which will be Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue, Tower Street, Tower Hamlets Road, Bridge Street, Maison Dieu Road, Castle Street, King Street, Queen Street and York Street

The works will be done in 2 phases, as shown in the attached schedule

Phase 1 Between the junctions of Clarendon Road and Station Approach Road.
Dates: From 16 February to 17 February 2010 inclusive. The road will re-open in the evening of 17 February.
Notes: The Order closing Effingham Street at its junction with Folkestone Road will be re-imposed for the duration of these works.
Phase 2: Between the junctions of Underdown Road and Belgrave Road
Dates: 18 February & 19 February 2010 between the hours of 8.00 am and 7.00 pm each day

CHAPEL LANE, ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of services to a new dwelling, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Chapel Lane, St Margarets at Cliffe, on or after 15 February 2010 for an estimated period of 5 days or until the works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Knotts Lane and Cripps Lane. Chapel Lane can be accessed from either of its junctions with High Street, and through traffic should use High Street.

BUNKERS HILL, DOVER PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bunkers Hill, Dover, on or after 15 February 2010 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Oswald Road and London Road. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Hillside Road, Crabble Avenue, Crabble Road, Crabble Hill, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue and London Road.

Access for local residents will be maintained.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 116 STOPPING UP OF LAND AT CHRISTIAN FIELDS, GRAVESEND.

Notice is hear by given that the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Medway Magistrates Court on 26 March 2010 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land at the junction of Ferguson Avenue and Hawkins Avenue, at the junction of Hawkins Avenue and Palmer Avenue and land fronting Nos 68 and 89 Palmer Avenue as shown in red on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent Highway Services at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX and at the offices of Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Nicolette Davis of Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 5) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order;

1. introduces no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places on the following roads or lengths of road-

Access road to Vicarage Lane and Miller Road	Clifton Grove	Oxford Close
Arthur Street	Elmfield Close	Rochester Road
Brandon Street	Forge Lane	Terrence Close

2. introduces no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6:30pm (single yellow lines) on the northern side of Grove Road from the junction with Stonebridge Road for a distance of approximately 270 metres in a north easterly direction and on the southern side from a point 12 metres south west of the access road to the football ground to the same termination point as the northern side of Grove Road.

The Order was sealed on 25 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

VARIOUS ROADS HUNTON AND YALDING (WEIGHT LIMIT) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make the above named Order under 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order prohibits any person to cause any vehicle capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross weight from using the following roads or lengths of roads, with the exemptions of emergency service vehicles and anyone gaining access to the adjacent properties on the lengths of road:

Lughorse Lane: Entire length
West Street: From the junction with Lughorse Lane to the junction with Mill Lane
Mill Lane: From the junction with West Street to the B2162 Benover Road
Vicarage Road: From the junction with Mill Lane to the junction with B2010 High Street Yalding

The Order was sealed on 25 January 2010 and will come into force 8 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, 11 Week Street, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE (SPEED LIMITS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT No 2) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order extends the existing 30 mph speed limit on Church Road, Downswood and Church Road, Otham, Maidstone from a point in line with the southern boundary of St Nicholas's Church to the junction with Derringwood Drive.

NB This encompasses the length of road fronting St Nicholas's Church into the existing length of 30 mph speed limit in Church Road which is a speed limit by virtue of street lighting.

This Order was initially advertised in 2009.

The Order was sealed on 25 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Kent Highway Services, Double Day House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford. ME20 7BU and the Council Offices, 11 Week Street, Maidstone.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

ST JULIANS ROAD, SEAL (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on St Julians Road, Seal between its junctions with A225 River Hill/Tonbridge Road to Fawke Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 1st February 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 14 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Tonbridge Road, High Street, Seal Hollow Road, Blackhall Lane and Park Lane.

Tonbridge Road, River Hill, London Road, Bank lane, Carters Hill and Fawke Wood Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate tree works

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Sevenoaks as noted in attached Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 15th February 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in Schedule 1. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate works as noted in the Schedule.

Schedule 1

Road Name: **Church Street / Noah's Ark, Seal**
Extent: Between its junctions with Childsbridge Lane and Honeypot Lane.
Date: 15th February 2010 for 3 days between 08.00 – 17.00hours.
Diversion: Travelling East – Childsbridge Lane, West End, St Ediths Road and Noah's Ark. Travelling West – High Street Seal, School Lane, Childsbridge Lane, St Ediths Road and Noah's Ark.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Fawke Wood Road, Seal**
Extent: Between its junctions with St Julians Road and Carters Hill.
Date: 15th February 2010 for 2 days between 08.00 – 17.00hours.
Diversion: St Julians Road and Carters Hill.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Eynsford Road, Crockenhill**
Extent: Between its junctions with Crockenhill Lane and Crockenhill Cemetery.
Date: 17th February 2010 fro 2 days between 09.15 – 16.30hours.
Diversion: Wested Lane, London Road, Goldsel Road, Green Court Road, Main Road, Eynsford Road.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford**
Extent: Between its junctions with Wested Lane and Sparepenny Lane.
Date: 18th February 2010 for 6 days between 08.00 – 17.00hours.
Diversion: Wested Lane, B2173 London Road, A20 London Road, Dartford Road, High Street Farningham and Sparepenny Lane.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Sparepenny Lane, Eynsford**
Extent: Between its junctions with Crockenhill Lane and High Street Farningham.
Date: 23rd February 2010 for 3 days between 08.00 – 17.00hours.
Diversion: Crockenhill Lane, Wested Lane, B2173 London Road, A20 London Road, Dartford Road and High Street Farningham.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Otford Lane, Healstead.**
Extent: Between its junctions with Shoreham Lane and A224 London Road.
Date: 25th February 2010 for 3 days between 09:15 – 15:30hours.
Diversion: Shoreham Lane and A224 London Road
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Rushmore Hill, Knockholt.**
Extent: Between its junctions with Halstead Lane and Norsted Lane.
Date: 26th February 2010 for 4 days 09:15 – 15:30hours.
Diversion: Halstead Lane, Knockholt Road, Shoreham Lane, A224 London Road, A21 Sevenoaks Road and Rushmore Hill.
Purpose: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing.

Road Name: **Wested Lane, Swanley**
Extent: Between its junctions with B2173 London Road and Crockenhill Lane.
Date: 3rd March 2010 for 2 nights between 19.00 – 05.00hours.
Diversion: B2173 London Road, Goldsel Road, Green Court Road, Main Road and Eynsford Road.
Purpose: Carriageway to be planed and resurfaced.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

LYMPNE HILL, LYMPNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of drainage improvement works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Lympne Hill, Lympne, on or after 15 February 2010, for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between Aldington Road and the Royal Military Canal. There is no access for through traffic between the junctions with Aldington Road and Burmarsh Road.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Aldington Road, Stone Street, Hythe Road, London Road, Scanlons Bridge, Dymchurch Road, Botolph's Bridge Road, Lower Wall and West Hythe Road.

Access to St Mary's Road will be maintained as signposted locally. Access to the car park next to the canal at West Hythe will be via West Hythe Road.

C185 NEWCHURCH LANE, NEWCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on C185 Newchurch Lane, Newchurch from Wills Farm to Millbank on or after 15 February 2010 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via C186 Newchurch/ Bilsington Road, B2067 Ruckinge Road, U11433 Marsh Road/ Millbank.

This order will come into force on Wednesday 15 February 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of similar nature at any time for the duration.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

SWANSTREE AVENUE JUNCTION WITH HIGHSTED ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Orders under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order prohibits any vehicle from making a right turn from Swanstree Avenue, west bound into Highsted Road North.

NB this Order was initially advertised in 2009.

The Order was sealed on 26 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices in Sittingbourne during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will further amend the Swale Borough Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 1988 by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road;

Canterbury Road: On the northern side from a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 141 and 143 Canterbury Road to a point 48 metres south east of the junction with Vincent Road. On the southern side from a pointing line with the eastern boundary of No 132 Canterbury Road to a point 60 metres south east of the junction with Swanstree Avenue.

Vincent Road: On the western side from the junction with Canterbury Road for a distance of 36 metres in a north easterly direction. On the eastern side from the junction with Canterbury Road for a distance of 51 metres in a north easterly direction.

Swanstree Avenue: On the western side from the junction with Canterbury Road for a distance of 51 metres in a south westerly direction. On the eastern side from the junction with Canterbury Road for a distance of 52 metres in a south westerly direction.

NB this Order was initially advertised in 2009.

The Order was sealed on 25 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices in Sittingbourne during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

STOCKERS HILL, RODMERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of works to provide a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Stockers Hill, Rodmersham, on or after 16 February 2010 for an estimated period of 5 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed outside the property named 'Brownings'. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Highsted Valley and Bottles Lane. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cheney Hill, Slough Road, Pitstock Road and Green Lane

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

VARIOUS ROADS, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Ramsgate, as shown in the Schedule to this Order, on or after 1 February 2010 for an estimated period of 18 weeks or until the works are complete. Each of the roads will be shut at its junction with Margate Road.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in the schedule.

Road Name: **Coleman Crescent**
Extent: At its north junction with Margate Road
Dates: 1 February 2010 for up to 6 weeks
Diversion: Margate Road

Road Name: **Allenby Road**
Extent: At its junction with Margate Road
Dates: 15 March 2010 for up to 10 weeks
Diversion: Margate Road and Newington Road

Road Name: **Winifred Avenue**
Extent: At its junction with Margate Road
Dates: 24 May 2010 for up to 2 weeks
Diversion: Margate Road and Allenby Road

KING STREET AND NEW STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street and New Street, Margate, as shown in the Schedule to this Order, on or after 1 February 2010, for an estimated period of 14 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative routes for through traffic and additional details will be as shown in the Schedule.

Road Name: **King Street, Margate**
Extent: Between the junctions of Broad Street and The Parade
Dates: 1 February 2010 for up to 4 weeks
Diversion: Hawley Street, Cecil Square, Queen Street, Marine Gardens, Marine Drive and The Parade
Other Details: The One-way Traffic Order in respect of King Street will be suspended between Broad Street and The Parade to allow access via The Parade, when advised locally
The One-way Traffic Order in respect of 'The Piazza' will be suspended to allow traffic to allow to exit from The Piazza, when advised locally

Road Name: **New Street, Margate**
Extent: Between the junctions with High Street and Hawley Street
Dates: 1 March 2010 for up to 10 weeks
Diversion: Westbound via Hawley Street, King Street, The Parade, Market Street and High Street Eastbound via High Street, Queen Street, Cecil Square, Hawley Street and New Street
Other details: When works are being carried out at the junction of Hawley Street, there will be a temporary one way traffic Order prohibiting eastbound traffic between the junctions of New Cross Street and Hawley Street, as advised locally. Eastbound traffic will be diverted via New Cross Street, Lombard Street and Hawley Street.

KENT GARDENS, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Kent Gardens, Birchington, at the junction with Canterbury Road, on or after 15 February 2010 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be: northbound via Essex Gardens and Devon Gardens; southbound via Surrey Gardens, Minnis Road, Station Road, The Square and Canterbury Road.

COLLEGE ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of works to cut back and remove unstable trees, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on College Road, Margate on or after 16 February 2010 for an estimated period of up to one day or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junctions of Nash Road and Nash Court Gardens. The alternative routes are shown below.

Alternative route for:	Start via:	Continue via:
Light vehicles	Ramsgate Road to Queens Avenue	Eaton Road, Belgrave Road, Marine Terrace, A28 Canterbury Road, George V Avenue and Hartsdown Road.
Vehicles higher than 13'0"	College Road, St Peters Road and Ramsgate Road to Queens Avenue	

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in College Road between the junctions of Nash Court Gardens and Nash Road, to allow local access to Salmestone Rise.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

LUNSFORD LANE, EAST MALLING & LARKFIELD (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lunsford Lane from number 147 to the north side of the M20 bridge on or after Monday 1st February 2010 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via Kingfisher Road, New Hythe Lane, Leybourne Way and Gighill Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential major drainage works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

CHURCH LANE, TROTTISCLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Lane, Trottiscliffe between School Lane and The Street on or after Monday 1st February 2010 between 09:00hrs and 15:00hrs for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via School Lane and The Street and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for major drainage repairs. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

REDWELL LANE, IGHTHAM (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Redwell Lane, Ightham outside of Yew Tree Cottage on or after Monday 1st February 2010 for a period of up to 9 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via Redwell Lane, Common Road, Sandy Lane, Ismays Road, Redwell Lane and vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is David Creasey on 01732 783985.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

BRADBOURNE LANE AND THE STREAM, DITTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order has the following effect of prohibiting driving on the following length of road:-

Bradbourne Lane, Aylesford From a point 18 metres south east of the common boundary of Nos 63 and 65 Bradbourne Lane to the junction with The Stream.

The Stream, Aylesford From the junction with Bradbourne Lane to a point 22 metres west of the junction with the northern arm of The Stream.

NB This Order was initially advertised in 2009.

The Order was signed on 18 January 2010 and will come into force 1 February 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING, UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN ROSE STREET AND PEMBURY GROVE, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, has made the above Experimental Order on 27th January, 2010.

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit waiting at any time in the unnamed road between Rose Street and Pembury Grove, Tonbridge

Exemptions are provided in the Order to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission; for enabling a person to board or alight from a vehicle; for enabling goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle; for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road; for use by emergency services and by any local authority or water authority, or for enabling a disabled person's vehicle, displaying a valid disabled person's badge, to park for up to three hours.

In the event of the Council deciding that the experiment has proved successful and that it should be made permanent, a further Notice will be published within 18 months (of making the Experimental Order).

A copy of the Experimental Order, which will come into effect on 8th February for a period not exceeding 18 months, an explanatory statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order and a map, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle, and the Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall Maidstone Kent.

If you have any questions concerning the made Order or require further information please contact 01732 876222 during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to support or object to the Order should write to the Director of Planning Transportation and Leisure, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by not later than 12 noon on 28th July, 2010.

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And did I manage to drive it then? Not much… due to even more snow.

It had got to the point where I was cheerfully introducing the car to colleagues and neighbours as the 'Ice Cube', except that it was in brown and the joke started to unravel.

But interest generated by the car did not; driving it is almost irrelevant, because this car will sell more by eye.

It is a 'Marmite motor' – you either love it or hate it – but the pro-Cubists are passionate and that should soon sell the rather limited supplies that Nissan expects to bring into the UK for the time being.

Not surprisingly, valuation guides already predict robust second-hand prices – CAP reckons the car will be worth 45 per cent of its value after three years/30,000 miles.

The BMW Mini and Fiat 500 cult cars have shown that even the harder-nosed used buyer is prepared to pay more for style and image and the Cube seems set to underline that.

At first glance, it looks like it was styled by a five-year-old using crayons, but an adult hand has added the detail. I like the shapely yet asymmetric refrigerator-style rear door, which accentuates curves cleverly worked into the boxy overall design – a theme even more obvious inside – and helping to fend of Postman Pat jibes that bedevil van-based MPVs like the Fiat Doblo and Peugeot Bipper Tepee.

Interior style – highlighted by a rice-paper style blind on the sunroof – is allied with practicality though to make the Cube as much viable MPV as it is style statement.

It should well and truly end the 'boring Nissan' cracks of the past, however unfair, reminding us instead that the brand used its truly ordinary 1980s Micra K10 supermini to create a family of retro limited edition spin-offs for the Japanese market.

Two of these – the Figaro coupé and S-Cargo van (left) – have gone on to become sought after here as grey imports.

When I did drive the Cube, I found it a thoroughly practical car that will never – and was never intended to – set the driver's heart racing, but it would take a long time to become bored with it.

Prices start at £14,000 for the 108bhp 1.6-litre petrol manual model, capable of averaging more than 42.8mpg. A 1.5-litre diesel joins the range in May.

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FIRST GEAR

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Replacment has the new face of Hyundai

HYUNDAI'S forthcoming replacement for the Tucson will do more than take over that car's slot in the range.

The Korean marque says the new ix35 SUV (sports utility vehicle) will also introduce a new design language for its cars and show off the new hexagonal corporate grille. The sleeker styling is also claimed to help the aerodynamics and complement a new refined powertrain offering better fuel efficiency and lower CO2 emissions.

Hyundai says this will attract buyers from the mainstream hatchback and MPV sectors, as Nissan and Peugeot have with their respective Qashqai and 3008 'crossovers'.

The ix35 arrives in March. Expect prices to be pegged close to the Tucson's – from around £14,000 – backed by the usual Hyundai five-year warranty.

Ford MPVs show new petrol power

PEOPLE carriers are not usually noted for styling, but Ford set a new benchmark in looks with its closely related S-Max and Galaxy seven-seat models in 2006.

Nevertheless, they have been freshened up inside and outside for 2010 – not that you would really notice.

The big news though is the debut of Ford's all-new high-efficiency EcoBoost four-cylinder turbocharged direct injection 203PS (200bhp) 2.0-litre petrol engine fitted with a versatile twin-clutch PowerShift transmission that can be driven as an auto or manual. This joins new 115PS and 163PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engines, with an updated 140PS version arriving later.

The new petrol unit fits the sporty nature of the S-Max in particular, with a potential 0-62mph in just 8.5 seconds, highlighting the current fight back by petrol. Emissions cannot yet match an equivalent diesel, but this new engine is 19 per cent cleaner than its predecessor yet 25 per cent more powerful.

Astra miser is quick to arrive

VAUXHALL has not wasted time bringing its most miserly version of the all-new sixth generation Astra to market.

Just weeks after the classy five-door hatch arrived in showrooms, proudly wearing a 'made in Britain' label, the ecoFLEX version can be ordered with prices from £17,920.

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Model featured is the Hyundai Santa Fe Style 2.2 CRDi 5 seat at £21,495 in Vanilla White Solid Paint at no extra cost. Prices shown are On The Road (OTR) for details please refer to http://www.hyundai.co.uk/newCars/santaFe/prices/, or Hyundai's January 2010 Price Guide. Reference 01/10 HB2729. On the road price includes VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. Warranty only available on new cars purchased in the UK and sourced from Hyundai Motor UK Limited through its authorised dealers. See your local dealer for full warranty terms and conditions. Terms and conditions apply.

Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai Santa Fe Style 2.2 CRDi (2010 Model Year): Urban 32.1 (8.8), Extra Urban 50.4 (5.6), Combined 41.5 (6.8), CO_2 Emissions 176g/km.

Mini makeover coming soon

by STEVELOADER

WE know BMW is readying a new four-door version of the Mini, but the brand has also announced a spring spruce up for current models.

Like many other carmakers, BMW is addressing opportunities now being recognised for more powerful yet cleaner low emission petrol engines.

There is also a cheaper entry into open-air Mini motoring arriving in the form of the new One Convertible (from £14,995) and, furthering the customisation trend that has become a trademark of the brand, Rainbow colour options and a Graphite Special Edition Clubman alongside the hatchback model.

Better still, there will be no price increase when the new-look line-up goes on sale in March.

All petrol versions will benefit from the new generation engines: Mini First and One models will get a 1.6-litre unit, replacing the 1.4, for more power and better fuel consumption – an average of more than 50mpg.

Until this latest shake-up, the Mini Convertible was available only in Cooper, Cooper S or John Cooper Works format; the new One version is sure to be a popular and still offering four seats and an electro-hydraulic roof that can be operated at speeds up to 20mph.

The Mini Graphite special edition has been a sales success since launch last April so a Clubman estate version arrives for February, featuring the same dark silver paintwork, unique alloys and other distinctions – additions that have made the original hatch version so sought after on the used market.

Whether it will be upstaged slightly by a new Rainbow paint option remains to be seen though. This will be offered in three different colours – Sunlight Metallic, Asteroid Metallic and Nightlife Metallic.

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SKODA FABIA vRS 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 130 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ05LOF	MARCH '05	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£6,990.00
SKODA FABIA CLASSIC 5DR ESTATE	1.4 MPi 68 BHP (PETROL)	GK51FWH	NOVEMBER '01	73453	STONE GREY	£3,490.00

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SKODA FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	GK56VDG	SEPTEMBER '06	22096	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£6,990.00
SKODA FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TDi 75 BHP (DIESEL)	GK05OKG	MARCH '05	34327	STONE GREY	£6,290.00
SKODA FABIA ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 16v 100BHP (PETROL)	GJ06CFN	MARCH '06	6345	SAHARA BEIGE	£7,290.00
SKODA FABIA BLUELINE 5DR ESTATE	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	LY03VVG	AUGUST '03	88394	ADMIRAL BLUE	£3,290.00
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Motability

DrivingReview

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Hyundai Santa Fe

Santa Fe now wears its badge with pride

LAST time I drove Hyundai's Santa Fe I suggested chucking the badges away.

Most people would then think the car cost twice the price, thereby guaranteeing entry to the poshest social gathering.

No need for such drastic action now – the world has moved on.

Firstly, the UK's spectacular economic crash and recession have made most people less badge-conscious, though some will never learn.

Secondly, the Korean brand has built rapidly upon a value-for-money image and standard five-year warranty to create several new cars that can be bought on merit.

Thirdly, Hyundai has done what we now expect it and its Kia stablemate to do on launching a new car – refine and improve dramatically. After listening to quibbles about the 2006 vintage Santa Fe, it has incorporated the remedies into a tidy 2010 facelift.

It was already a sleek looking SUV (sports utility vehicle) and contrasted sharply with the 2001-06 first generation model, but the 2010 revisions to the Mark II make the Hyundai look an even more credible challenger to upmarket and dearer rivals.

It is also even better value than before; a much simplified range now starts from a bargain £21,495 and sees the thirsty petrol option dropped altogether.

And a much reduced premium of £750 buys you an extra pair of seats to add seven-seat MPV status to the Santa Fe's decent 4x4 prowess, plus self-levelling rear suspension and rear privacy glass as standard – it's a package you really ought to grab at that price.

If the cleaned-up look of the exterior plus touches like the two big trapezoidal exhausts help the Hyundai threaten posh rivals, then the new-look interior will frighten them even more.

Plasticky wood trim that jarred on the eye before has been ditched in favour of more contemporary 'carbon black' and everything feels robust and of decent quality, with many cubbyholes and stowage places.

Standard kit includes reversing sensors, air con and a sound system with aux/USB connection and full iPod control.

Unfortunately through, it takes a while to get used to not signalling a turn by switching on the wipers, since the Santa Fe has the indicator stalk mounted to the right – unlike most of the marque's other models.

Technically, this is the correct side for a country where the driver also sits on the right, allowing the left hand freedom to concentrate on gear-changing, but we have become used to the Continental arrangement now.

So, if you are thinking of adding a Santa Fe to an existing car in the household, it could be confusing when switching from one to the other.

But this is a minor gripe in comparison to the big plus gained from the new all-aluminium 194bhp 2.2-litre diesel in this revised car.

Even with the slightly deadening effect of the six-speed auto 'box on the test car, it makes the Santa Fe still lively for its size, hitting 62mph in 10.2 seconds while averaging nearly 40mpg – 41.5mpg in manual format.

Electronic stability control (ESP) is standard and handling is impressive, with Hyundai ensuring that the car's height is not accompanied by unacceptable healing on the bends or, at the other extreme, too hard in the ride department.

Of course, it is more 'soft-roader' that off-roader, but the Santa Fe should tackle rough ground well; the car runs mostly in two-wheel drive and switches extra traction to rear wheels when a loss of grip is sensed.

If you are really in the mire though then full four-wheel drive can be selected by a switch on the dash.

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HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 PREMIUM FIVE-SEAT AUTO £24,745

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Best rival	Chevrolet Captiva

TheVerdict

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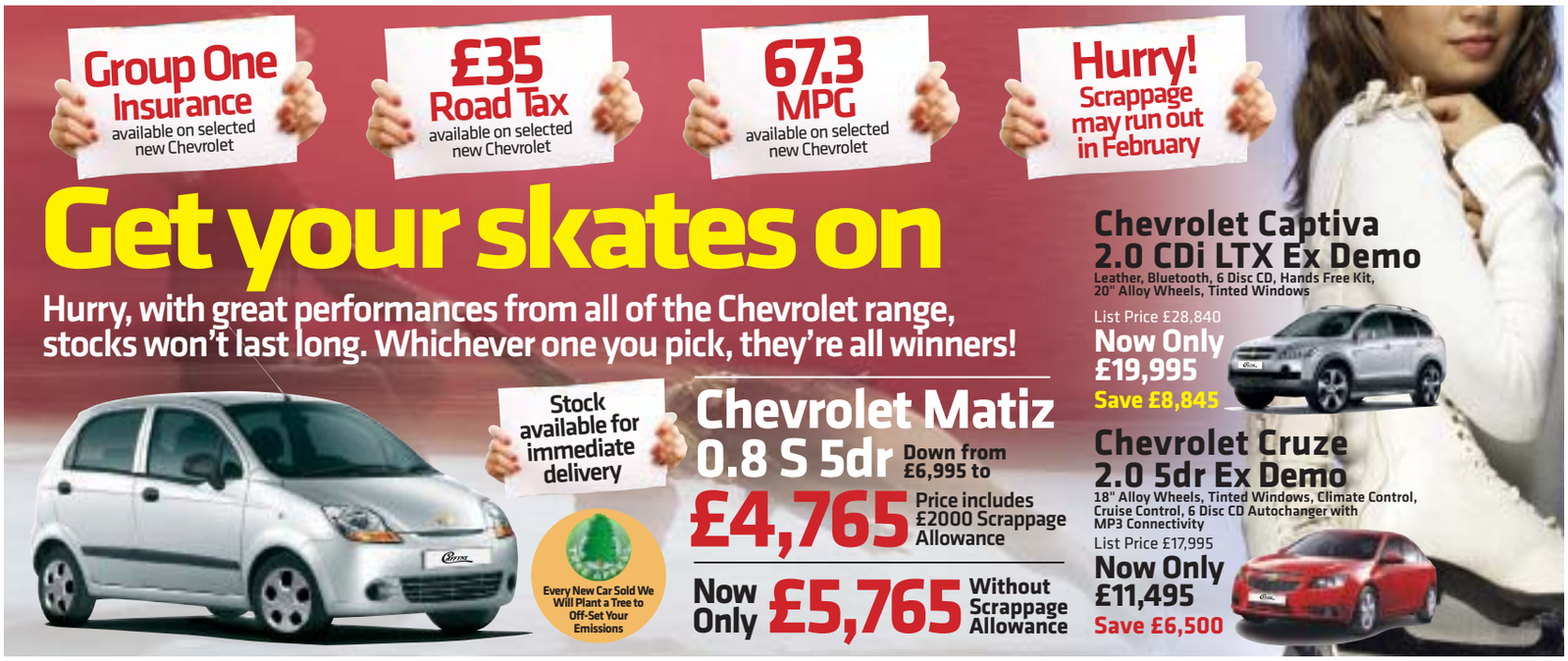

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Official Government Test Environmental Data – Fuel Consumption Figures mpg (litres/100km): The All New Astra Range: urban – from 28.8 (9.9) to 49.6 (5.7), Extra-urban – from 50.4 (5.6) to 68.9 (4.1), Combined – from 39.8 (7.1) to 60.1 (4.7). CO2 Emissions from 167 to 124g/km.

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147, JTDm Ducati Corse Q2 Special Edition, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, carbonio black metallic, 5000 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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BRERA, JTS SV, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sunroof, grey, 34438 miles, £12900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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A3, TDi 110, 2002, abs brakes alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, silver, 151000 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, Sportback, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloys cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 32000 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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1 Series, 120d ES, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, black, 38500 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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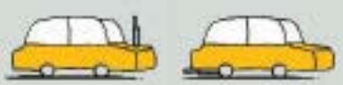

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'White Van Man' in the 21st century

by SAMDAVISON

VAN design has been revolutionised over the past decade or so.

Operators have seen economy, efficiency and flexibility soar, while drivers have enjoyed better performance, refinement and safety.

Much of the latter benefits have come about because of crossover designs from cars.

Initially, this was confined to smaller models derived from superminis or family hatchbacks, such as the Ford Fiesta or Fiat Punto vans; all that was needed was to blank out the rear windows and the driver could enjoy all the benefits of the equivalent car owner, including air con and a decent sound system

But the same philosophy has since travelled up the line to larger vans, which can sometimes be derived from the platforms of popular hatchbacks too, even if the van body is bespoke.

The range of van capacities has also widened, varying from as little as three cubic metres for a car-derived hatchback used by a courier company or perhaps as a small company's runabout, right up to a 17 cubic-metre delivery van.

Access has improved, too. Many larger vans have low floors in the driving compartment for easy access and most vehicles above the supermini class now come with at least one sliding door as standard to aid loading – many buyers also take up the option of a second 'slider'.

There is now a choice usually of side-opening twin doors or a high-lift tailgate as well, while cab doors generally have a reduced opening angle, with the double benefit of making it easy for a busy driver to grab the handle to close the door and also avoid it swinging wide and hitting something.

IT'S THE WAY AHEAD: Panel vans like Nissan's Primastar (above) and Mercedes' cabs (inset) now marry car-derived comforts with increased loading versatility

On the performance front, petrol driven vans may still be available, but they have been all but been displaced by the better economy and range plus pulling power low down in the rev range of four and five-cylinder diesels.

Diesel operating benefits are then compounded by extended service periods, lower maintenance costs and longer lasting parts.

The engine's partner – the gearbox – has also undergone a change.

A six-speed manual gearbox is normally the standard – a couple of cogs better than only a few years ago – but urban operators are turning increasingly to automatic, semi-automatic or clutch-less transmissions.

These can usually be driven with manual, selection anyway, but are ideal for the stop-start traffic conditions of the town and city and can be as economical as a manual.

Van safety has also gained from the car market; along with driver's airbag and the option of passenger, side and front curtain airbags, there are active safety features including anti-lock braking (ABS), traction control (TCS), braking control (EBC) and electronic stability programme (ESP).

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VANS lubricate the UK economy and they have become even more important with the arrival of e-commerce with internet-based ordering.

Such doorstep deliveries often require small cargo volumes, but lots of stops and even greater choice of van and loading flexibility.

Whether it is a book or large item of office equipment, private and commercial customers expect the goods to be there within 24 hours.

And transport is the indispensable precondition: food and deep-frozen pizzas, books and office materials cannot be sent through a broadband cable.

At the same time society is changing: the size of households is decreasing, while the number of single-occupant households is increasing.

This has an effect on day-to-day requirements, ie, shopping in smaller quantities and delivery in smaller packs.

The daily volume of parcels is set to double to around 14 million in Europe between 1996 and 2015.

The downside is increasing fuel prices, expected scarcity of raw materials and access restrictions to cities and towns.

And the debate about emissions of fine particles, CO2 and other exhaust constituents is forcing the transport sector onto the defensive.

On the other hand, e-commerce could help reduce traffic volumes if intelligent solutions are applied such as online supermarket shopping: while delivery traffic will increase, it would be balanced by much lower consumer traffic on the roads.

So low fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are in the interests of the transport sector, even if we don't take soaring fuel prices into account.

Mercedes-Benz – already one of the market leaders in the UK van sector – has been pioneering a more economic and eco-friendly van operation with its Mercedes-Benz Sprinter with the Eco Start system.

This model is particularly effective in densely populated areas with a high proportion of stop-and-go traffic.

This enables considerable savings to be achieved – Mercedes-Benz estimates a normal reduction in fuel consumption by five to eight per cent, but sometimes as high as 20 per cent and offering rapid payback on the slightly higher cost of the Eco Start feature, available for all Sprinter CDI models with a four-cylinder diesel engine and manual transmission.

HIGH-SPEED DELIVERY SERVICE: Flexibility and economy of vans like the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter have underpinned the e-commerce revolution, which is only set to continue

Multi-tasker joining Nissan's star range

NISSAN'S NV200 Combi goes on sale in the UK in February, priced from £15,685 for van-size load-carrying, flexible passenger space and good economy.

The NV200 van has already rocked the LCV market since launch last year, picking up the titles of What Van? Van of the Year 2010, International Van of the Year 2010 and ITM Van of the Year 2010.

With seating for up to seven, the Combi version now widens the NV200's appeal to businesses and families who want to combine the best of both van and MPV and marry good capacity with compact dimensions.

All Combis are equipped with a 1.5-litre turbodiesel that can average more than 50mpg with CO2 emissions of only 139g/km.

The five-seat Combi S is the entry model and comes with driver and passenger airbags, CD system with MP3 jack, electric windows and mirrors and a trip computer.

SE grade models start from £16,977 and add alloy wheels, body-coloured bumpers, air con and a reversing camera.

For buyers who want to combine space and value with the highest levels of safety there is also the Combi SE Plus, which gains electronic stability control and side airbags. To make the most of the Combi's huge cabin, a third row of seats can fitted to both SE and SE Plus models allowing seating for seven (priced from £17,360).

*Model shown for illustration purposes. Model featured Hilux HL3 double cab £17,945 + metallic paint at £385, excluding VAT, delivery and on the road charges. Price correct at time of going to press. Subject to availability.
Hilux Invincible Double Cab 3.0 Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 24.1 (11.7), Extra Urban 38.7 (7.3), Combined 31.7 (8.9). CO_2 Emissions 236g/km.
Hilux HL3 Double Cab 3.0 Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 27.4 (10.3), Extra Urban 39.8 (7.1), Combined 34.0 (8.3). CO_2 Emissions 219g/km.

Scudo records a trio of wins

FIAT'S rugged Scudo has made it once, twice, three times a winner after being crowned Small Panel Van of the Year in the latest What Van? awards.

Developed as part of a long-term partnership between Fiat and Peugeot Citroën, the Fiat Scudo (above) is designed for busy towns and cities and won over the What Van? judges for a third time.

A big carrying capacity, ease of loading and unloading, choice of cargo space and top safety features were attributes highlighted by the judges.

Powered by a choice of two common rail diesels – a 1.6-litre developing 90bhp or a 2.0-litre with 120bhp – the Scudo's power is driven through a six-speed manual gearbox.

The bodyshell incorporates differentiated rigidity zones for extra crash protection, stopping comes from disc brakes all-round and a driver side airbag is standard.

"Access to the Scudo three-man cab could scarcely be bettered," said What Van? Editor Neil McIntee.

"There's no step up thanks to the low floor and the handbrake won't get in your way. The comfortable and supportive seat is positioned at exactly the right height for people on multi-drop work who have to leap in and out of the cab continually."

Additionally, the smaller Fiat Fiorino (below) was highly commended in the Light Van category, making it a successful What Van? awards for Fiat Professional, the commercial vehicle arm of Fiat Group Automobiles UK.

"Winning just one prize from a respected title such as What Van? is a great honour, so getting three for the same vehicle is fantastic news," said Fiat Professional director Gerry Clarke. "The blend of comfort, versatility, safety and carrying capacity is evident for all to see in Scudo – including, clearly, the What Car? judges."

The Fiat Scudo is available through Fiat Professional's commercial dealer network, starting at £14,815 for the Business 1.6 MultiJet 90bhp and rising to £17,995 for the MAXI Comfort 2.0 MultiJet 120bhp.

Toyota star also a cool choice

TOYOTA'S rugged and reliable Hiace panel van is also now a cool choice – air con comes as standard in a new-look range.

Comfort levels have also been boosted generally with new-design seats with a smart yet tough cloth upholstery and fabric covered door panels with an integrated armrest and panel for the power window controls.

The Hiace's cabin has been made quieter too, thanks to strategic use of extra sound-absorbing material throughout the vehicle to slash noise, vibration and harshness.

Window glass has been changed to reduce UV glare, the dashboard gains additional chrome detailing around the instrument meters and an extra interior light has been added to the load area. Exterior styling changes include a new-look front grille, extra chrome detailing for the bonnet and at the rear, and new-design wheel covers.

Eclipse Black Metallic has been added to the range of exterior colours.

There is also a broad choice of vehicle formats to suit different customer needs:

- Short and long wheelbases
- A choice of rear tailgate or twin rear doors with sliding side door
- 2,800kg SWB and 3,000kg LWB gross vehicle weights
- Maximum payloads of 1,060kg/1,050kg SWB and 1,180/1,170 LWB (4dr/5dr)
- 2.5-litre D-4D common rail diesel engine with choice of output – 94 or 115bhp
- Prices start from £14,545.

Toyota's LCV range also includes the Dyna Chassis Cab/Dropside and light Tipper line-up from £13,895 and the legendary Hilux pick-up – the pick truck that TV's Top Gear could not kill despite fire, water and physical violence. Hilux prices start from £15,145.

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Two cheers for recovery

By **STEVE LOADER**
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FEELINGS were mixed across Kent businesses after news of the UK's almost reluctant emergence from recession.

The last quarter of 2009 showed the first growth the country has seen since mid-2008 – six consecutive quarters of contraction and the worst recession since records began in 1955.

But the 0.1 per cent growth was far weaker than expected and behind the recovering economies of Germany, France, the United States and Japan.

Money markets immediately lopped values off the pound against the dollar and the euro, and many organisations monitoring the county's fiscal health struggled to find positives.

Roger House, chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses in Kent and Medway, said the economy remained "frail" and called for a light touch by the Government.

"In order to strengthen the recovery it is important that we boost consumer confidence and demand and that interest rates are held steady as continued investment in the economy will be the key to ensuring a sustainable recovery," he said.

"For small businesses in Kent, access to affordable finance and credit is important as firms will look to grow and create jobs.

"The FSB urges the Government to rethink its plans to increase employer National Insurance contributions. This tax on jobs will discourage small businesses from taking on additional staff, which will prevent them from growing and put a further block on recovery."

Accountancy giant KPMG's spokesman Andrew Smith warned: "After little better than stabilising in the fourth quarter, the first quarter could also be touch and go as VAT goes back up and consumers look to the coming election and fiscal squeeze. At this rate we risk a double dip recession before the recovery has even got going.

IN THE BLACK: The UK's emergence from recession has been welcomed – with caveats

"And it's much too early to look for improvement in the labour market. The good news in the recession was job losses were contained by flexible working arrangements. The bad news in the recovery will be job creation will lag as existing employees return to more normal working arrangements before businesses need to hire."

On the other hand, KPMG also released figures showing that British businesses were most bullish about the economic outlook, with 83 per cent believing prospects for 2010 were good, well above a European average of 74 per cent, and a gloomy 65 per cent for Germany – Europe's most robust economy. UK firms also appear to have weathered the economic crisis well, with three-quarters saying their company was as strong – if not stronger – at the end of 2009 than it was at the end of 2008.

Only a quarter said their firm was weaker as a result of the recession. This compares with a European average of 69 per cent who felt their company has survived the recession intact.

But even confident businesses can be clobbered by late payment – an understandable side effect of the recession – according to Close Invoice Finance.

Its latest small business barometer study shows more SMEs (small and medium enterprises) across Kent and the South East are falling victim to late payment, even though their own turnover is healthy.

More than 207,000 firms in the region consider late payments to be an issue for their business in 2010. Big corporates were singled out as the worst (39 per cent) for paying up, with micro businesses (23) next, ahead of public sector organisations (22).

Close's chief executive David Thomson said: "Failure to settle up accounts on time can have a devastating effect on an otherwise viable business. So it's crucial to take get your risk management strategy in working order to avoid being left vulnerable to bad debt or cash-flow issues in the longer term."

However, insolvency experts at Baker Tilly Hudson found some comfort in the taxman's 'time to pay' agreements deferring payment for more than 25,000 companies that have fallen into arrears.

And there were major positives in research by Business Link into Kent SME turnover and recruitment expectations: 19 per cent of Kent SMEs plan to take on staff during 2010, 34 per cent are preparing for better times by training their staff or investigating training, and more than half (57 per cent) expect to expand in the medium to long term.

Tony Logan, business adviser manager at Business Link in Kent, said: "The research confirms the upturn in business attitudes in the region advisers are noticing through meetings with companies and sole traders."

Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey said: "The official end of the recession is borne out by our healthy pipeline of projects.

"However, clients tell us that though the worst is over for bank borrowing, it is still difficult, and loan terms mean some good projects are not viable.

"But it has been a good year for grants, with Locate in Kent advisers helping Kent companies secure more than £750,000 in funding."

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Make that promise to cut accident toll, farmers are urged

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FARMERS are being urged to make coming home safe from the field their resolution for 2010.

It is the next phase in the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) 'Make the Promise' campaign, with the stark message that people are still dying in needless farm accidents.

Although only about 1.5 per cent of the working population works in agriculture, the industry accounts for one in five work-related deaths every year

Thirty-eight farm workers died in incidents from January to November, 2009, and there was one fatal and 94 major injuries in the South East.

More than 1,200 farmers in Kent and the South East have already signed up to Make a Promise. As part of the campaign they can request 'Promise Knots' as reminders to place around their homes and farms. HSE board member and agriculture spokeswoman Judith Donovan said the challenge for those taking the pledge was then keeping it, particularly when battling the weather or working to tight timescales.

PROMISE KNOT: Ulcombe farmer Charles Tassell, left, with Mike Wilcock

She said: "Losing concentration or taking seemingly harmless shortcuts is when horrific accidents can happen. To those farmers yet to make the promise, we encourage them to do it not only for themselves, but for their family and their livelihoods.

"Over the last 10 years, 455 lives have been lost on British farms. That's hundreds of families and farms devastated. Let's make 2010 the year that everyone comes home safe."

John Archer, NFU South East environment and land use adviser, said: "Any death is one too many, yet all too frequently someone dies in a farm accident.

"These accidents destroy the lives of farming families and have detrimental effects on farm businesses. This campaign is a positive initiative as it raises awareness of the dangers faced by people working on farms.

"It reminds farmers and farm workers of how to avoid putting themselves at risk in the first place so they can come home safely."

Mike Wilcock, head of operations for HSE South East, said: "All too often we investigate deaths or serious injuries in and around farms. We see the terrible grief families face when someone is killed and it's heartbreaking, particularly when farmers keep dying for the same reasons.

"We offer farmers training, support and guidance on how to keep themselves and their workers safe and we'd much rather be doing that than dealing with the horrific consequences of accidents, most of which are easily preventable."

For more information on the campaign. visit www.hse.gov.uk/makethepromise.

Winter chill heads north

CONTRARY to what we may think, recent cold weather can be good for the fruit business according to experts at East Malling Research.

They say prolonged periods above freezing but below 7C are essential for the successful growing and harvesting of crops such as apples, pears, blackcurrants and hops.

However, recent warmer winters have taken their toll and may soon be seen as the norm, prompting East Malling's specialists to seek more understanding of how the winter chill effect triggers consistent time of blossoming, fruit development and the best yields.

Head of science Chris Atkinson said: "We must not fall into a false sense of security after this winter. We need to be investing in approaches that enable UK growers to adapt to changes already apparent in winter chill, as well as further changes forecast to occur by the end of the century.

"We are already experiencing a 12 per cent reduction in chill hours each winter, while spring frosts have declined by a much higher percentage.

"Under the worst-case scenarios, winter chill in Kent has been predicted to decline by more than 50 per cent by 2080. Winters will continue to become shorter and milder. This winter has been closer to those of 25 years ago.

"This will impact on growers. As the South East's climate fails to deliver the period of chill and dormancy required for maximising the yield of commercial crops, traditional varieties that require larger amounts of chill will be disappearing or migrating north."

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Julie Maddocks talks to Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey. Search 'Locate'

Dragons' Den star challenge

PETER Jones, star of TV's Dragons' Den, and chairman of Enterprise UK, has challenged young people from Kent and the South East to enter Make Your Mark with a Tenner.

Now in its third year, the nationwide competition asks young people to make as much money and social impact as they can with a humble £10 note – in just one month.

Make Your Mark with a Tenner is now open for registration. Schools and colleges in the region have until February 11 to register students to take part and secure a share of the £200,000 Tenner 'bank' funded by Peter Jones alongside Michael and Xochi Birch, founders of social networking site Bebo.

Make Your Mark with a Tenner is open to young people under 19. Up to 20,000 will each be given a £10 note and will have just one month to come up with creative, enterprising ideas to multiply their cash. Once the £10 loans have been returned at the end of the competition, participants can either keep their profits to develop their business idea further or donate them to a good cause.

CHALLENGE: Peter Jones

Mr Jones said: "Make Your Mark with a Tenner empowers young people to make their ideas happen. Young people are increasingly concerned about the challenges society faces and we're aiming to show them that by acting on an enterprising idea it's possible to make a real difference."

Sixteen thousand took part in the 2009 competition, generating an average individual profit of £42. Teachers and tutors can enter the competition on behalf of their school or college by completing an application form at www.enterpriseuk.org/tenner.

Seeing artistic light in the creative isle

By **STEVE LOADER**
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LONG-standing artistic links at Margate – from JMW Turner to Tracey Emin – and a multi-million-pound regeneration are proving to be a magnet for creative companies.

One such firm is HKD, a specialist in design for museums, exhibitions and exhibits, which has moved from north London to a Grade-II listed former casino in the Thanet resort.

The project was supported by a grant from the Government's Meanwhile Fund to help with refurbishment, and the company relocated with help from investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, the Margate Renewal Partnership, and Thanet District Council.

HKD official Kate Kneale said: "A belief in cultural heritage and community engagement has always been core to our business, but we hadn't the budget or commercial space to realise this vision in London.

"Moving to Margate will enable us to share skills and work more with the community. This is something I believe the creative sector needs to commit more time to – it's the way forward – and makes us leaders in our field.

"We now have a large property with a studio, gallery for artists in residence and a meeting room we intend to hire out."

HKD's recent work includes an exhibition on the life of poet TS Eliot in the Folio Gallery at the British Library, Portraits from Vilna – an international travelling exhibition about the Holocaust in Lithuania – a new gallery in Singapore, and a museum refurbishment in Los Angeles, California.

COASTING: The Turner Contemporary gallery – now under construction – will add to Margate's creative kudos

Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey said: "Along with other Kent seaside locations, Margate is slowly but surely developing its offer for creative companies.

"Firms such as HKD are able to benefit from the town's creative networks and support, alongside more practical benefits like cost-effective property and the vastly improved access to London via high-speed rail services."

Derek Harding, from Thanet council, said: "The project has brought a key empty building back into use and new jobs and an enterprising company to the town. This was only made possible through collaboration between agencies and the owners of the building."

Ms Kneale said: "We chose Margate because we were impressed by the creative culture of the town and its beautiful buildings.

"The regeneration framework drawn up by Margate Renewal Partnership perfectly complements our company philosophy.

"There's no way we've retired to the seaside; we're expanding and exploring new opportunities, just like Margate."

MORTGAGE RATES

RT: Rate type **R%:** Rate percentage **L:** Loan **U:** Until **OD:** Other details

FIXED

WOOLWICH
RT: FIXED **R%:** 3.79% **L:** 67% **U:** 30/04/2012
OD: £1,304

PRINCIPALITY
RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.49% **L:** 67% **U:** 31/03/2012
OD: £1,039

MORTGAGE BOX
RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.19% **L:** 67% **U:** 31/12/2011
OD: £1,529

RBS
RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.89% **L:** 67% **U:** 31/03/2013
OD: £829

OTHER

NORTHERN ROCK
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.79% **L:** 70% **U:** 01/04/2012
OD: £1,030

ABBEY
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.69% **L:** 70% **U:** 2 YEARS
OD: £1,030

MORTGAGE BOX
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.89% **L:** 70% **U:** 2 YEARS
OD: £1,010

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 1.99% **L:** 70% **U:** 2 YEARS
OD: £2,030

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MALE AGED 30		FEMALE AGED 30	
LV=	£22.24	SCOT PRVDNT	£36.05
SCOT PRVDNT	£22.37	LV=	£36.73
AEGON SCOT EQUIT	£24.93	AEGON SCOT EQUIT	£39.85
AXA	£25.69	AXA	£44.49
BUPA	£29.70	BUPA	£48.84
MALE AGED 40		**FEMALE AGED 40**	
LV=	£32.97	LV=	£55.36
SCOT PRVDNT	£34.68	AEGON SCOT EQUIT	£57.40
AEGON SCOT EQUIT	£35.52	SCOT PRVDNT	£57.62
AXA	£38.85	AXA	£69.07
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Sandwich party the perfect cue

MORE than cucumbers from Thanet were celebrated by a sandwich tea party in Broadstairs this week.

It was organised by local producer Thanet Earth and supermarket chain Tesco, to celebrate the arrival of 2010's first locally-grown UK cucumbers. But Tesco's Jo Wren said it also underlined consumers' growing enthusiasm for local produce and cutting down on 'food miles'.

"It's fantastic to see new products in our stores which shows the increasing demand for local and regional food and drink," she said. "This is our second year of supplying cucumbers from Thanet Earth to customers in Kent."

Award-winning grower Addy Breugem, who recently gained a Best Local Grower title at the Tesco Fresh Produce Awards, hand-delivered some of his first cucumbers, then helped prepare and give away cucumber sandwiches to customers at Tesco in Broadstairs.

Hazel Akehurst of Thanet Earth, said: "A sandwich tea party is the perfect way to celebrate the first British cucumbers of 2010.

"Everyone knows the cucumber sandwich is very, very British and it's great that we're able to put home-grown produce on Tesco shelves so early on in the year."

Dr Crawford invests in new Gateway role

INVEST Thames Gateway has appointed Dr Robert Crawford CBE as its new chairman.

The Government-backed agency promotes international investment into the Thames Gateway, a 40-mile stretch of the Thames Estuary, from Sittingbourne to Canary Wharf in London, and on to Southend, Essex.

Dr Crawford will aim to promote the region to potential investors from India, China, Europe and the USA particularly, in the key sectors of environmental technology, ports and logistics and financial services.

Dr Crawford, formerly executive director for operations at the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), takes over from another Seeda director, Jeff Alexander.

He was awarded a CBE in 2004 for services to economic development in the UK and has held senior posts with Scottish Enterprise, Ernst and Young and energy services group John Wood.

Dr Crawford said: "I'm excited about the potential of the region as a key economic driver for the South East and the UK as whole. It offers unrivalled growth opportunities for businesses, being on the doorstep of London and at the heart of the South East.

"It's also home to world-class initiatives such as the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Crossrail and High Speed 1 [railway], which will help the region realise its enormous potential."

NEW ROLE: Dr Robert Crawford CBE

Why French investors must vive la différence

INVESTORS looking at French property need to pay particular attention to their wills, says Francophile lawyer Sarah Bogard.

Fluent French speaker Sarah, partner and head of the French property team at Kent law firm Furley Page, has just completed seminars at the three-day France Show, Earls Court, London.

She said: "Some of the people I spoke to at the show who already have a French property admitted that they do need to review their wills to make sure they have taken into account how French succession law will affect their estates.

"The inheritance and tax laws in France are very different from English law."

She also passed on several tips for those buying on the other side of the Channel:

- **View properties very carefully. Property in France is sold as seen.**
- **Make sure all required conditions are included in your preliminary sale contract.**
- **Get advice on the purchase process to ensure your best interests are protected.**
- **Get advice on the best ownership structure for you – taking into account your family circumstances. French law protects certain family members from being disinherited.**
- **Review your will at the same time and get advice on making a separate French will.**
- **Make sure you understand how your estate will be chargeable to inheritance tax on your death.**

BACK ON TRACK: Kent-based model railway company Hornby expects 2010 to be a good year after a positive final quarter in 2009

Hornby whistles up a better Christmas

By **STEVE LOADER**
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AFTER running out of steam a year ago, model railway and Scalextric maker Hornby had a happy Christmas according to the Kent-based firm's latest figures.

The performance contrasted sharply with Christmas, 2008, when nervous retail customers scaled back orders due to fears over the recession.

Order books climbed back to a healthy level this time round though, according to an update on trading from last October and including Christmas and New Year.

Some retailers even finished the Christmas period with historically low levels of stocks due to the renewed consumer demand.

The Margate company is also well known in the UK for the Airfix, Humbrol and Corgi models brands, but it was the Scalextric slot-car race tracks and cars that took the chequered flag for Christmas, helped by licensed products associated with TV's Top Gear, Disney/Pixar's animated film Cars and the Formula 1 Grand Prix teams.

It has also just started to tap into toy rights it holds for the London 2012 Olympics and the Hornby's improving position was highlighted by a considerably lower debt of £10.5 million at December 31, 2009, compared with £14.3m a year earlier after Hornby had just taken over another equally nostalgic toy/model brand, Corgi.

Reports earlier this year also revealed problems Hornby had had with its supply chain in China and efforts to spread the risk as a result.

The company now says it not only has a better relationship with its original supplier, but had also diversified its supplier base. On top of this, sales have grown in continental Europe, where it owns the Electrotren, Lima, Jouef and Rivarossi model brands.

Hornby chairman Neil Johnson said: "We have entered 2010 in a strong position. Sales were encouraging in the important pre-Christmas period and indeed in the early weeks of 2010.

"This should ensure a positive final quarter to the financial year as retailers replenish their stocks. Our ranges for 2010 are focused on value for money and impressive licences which will continue to drive consumer interest in our products.

"The progress that has been made in resolving the previous supply chain issues, coupled with a more favourable US dollar/sterling exchange rate will stand the company in good stead during the next financial year."

Happy customer transformed into manager within three short years

TRANSFORM Cosmetic Surgery patient Sallie Laing liked the welcoming atmosphere so much she applied to go back there to work.

And having started as a part-time receptionist three years ago, she has since worked her way up to running the Maidstone branch, one of 24 Transform clinics across the country.

As clinic manager at Transform Maidstone in Ashford Road, Sallie's key roles include working with the Care Quality Commission to ensure industry standards are met and inspections are carried out, as well as the day-to-day running of the clinic.

She said: "Every day is varied and exciting, but we always have a buzzing clinic with patients from all walks of life and backgrounds who come to us for advice in enhancing their looks – whether surgical or non-surgical.

"My favourite part of the job is seeing the absolute delight on patients' faces when they see the results which can be achieved from the procedures we offer.

"Many people have worried about various parts of their bodies, or about the ageing process, for years and it's a fantastic feeling giving them their confidence back.

"It really makes this job worthwhile."

SALLIE LAING: 'Every day is exciting'

MAJOR independent fostering service FosterCare UK has achieved Investors in People status.

MD Jonathan Toomey said: "This sets us apart from other fostering services. It gives an assurance to prospective foster carers, employees and clients that we really care about the people who work for us and the quality of the services we provide."

IoP chief executive Simon Jones congratulated FosterCare, adding: "Investors in People offers a flexible, practical and easy-to-use business improvement tool designed to help organisations and their people enhance performance and meet goals.

"I hope more organisations will be encouraged to sharpen their competitive edge by choosing to work with us."

FosterCare UK was established in 2007 and recruits, approves, trains and supports foster carers in the South East and London to work with young people in care with complex and challenging needs.

MOUNTAIN Range Restaurants – which includes The Coney in West Wickham – has won a business award after substantially raising turnover and doubling profits last year.

The Star Performer title in the University of Brighton's Profitnet awards was earned by Mountain Range boss David Downard for defying the recession and "developing and growing in a dynamic and proactive way."

The group specialises in "food with a Mountain twist", and also runs two outlets in Sussex: The Swan at Forest Row and The Black Horse at Findon.

Profitnet is the UK's first university peer-to-peer business support programme for small and medium-size enterprises. Mr Downard said: "Profitnet opened up a world of strategic and practical advice."

CORPORATE troubleshooters at MCR have confirmed they are seeking buyers for the restructured Adams Kids clothing chain.

The company, which has 126 stores and concessions across the UK and Ireland – with Kent branches at Sittingbourne, Maidstone and Hempstead Valley – was hit seriously by the recession.

But MCR partner Paul Clark said Adams – the trading vehicle for a 75-year-old business called JS Childrenswear Ltd – had undergone restructuring and potential buyers were in touch.

He said: "We are still determining the viability of the business and while it's too early to make any further announcement on who the interested parties may be, I can confirm the company is still trading with a view to securing a going concern sale."

BROGDALE Farm in Faversham is opening its doors to wedding receptions, corporate and other special events for the first time.

The 160-acre farm is home to the National Fruit Collection, a global range of 4,000 fruit trees, including 2,200 apple, 550 pear, 350 plum and 320 cherry varieties. It also has its own miniature railway.

Wedding parties will be able to book a marquee in The Meadow at Brogdale with space for an unlimited number of guests.

BUSINESS Networking's St George's Chapter has moved to a new venue: Herne Bay Golf Club.

It previously used Boughton Golf Club, near Faversham, and meets every Wednesday at 6.30am. Chapter director Chris Hidson said: "The benefits it brings to our businesses in financial and networking gain make it well worth the early start.

"This last year we have passed more than 1,540 referrals to each other, internal and external.

"This has generated £398,329 of business – and that's in a recession."

Security Jem crowns the remarkable rise of Sarah

By **STEVE LOADER**
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THERE'S more than just a bright idea behind the innovative handbag alarm invented by the director of an Ashford engineering firm.

For Sarah Williams, of Destra Engineering, it marks a remarkable rise from the depths of despair to enjoying the fruits of success.

She recalls how she was going through a divorce and struggling to support her two children when she landed a part-time job dealing with the accounts at Destra, a plastic injection-moulding company on Ashford's Cobbs Wood industrial estate.

Some 16 years on, she is now a Destra director, shareholder and inventor of a promising new product line designed, developed and made in Kent – the Jem.

Sarah, 43, realised that in a world of opportunist thieves and identity theft, something needed to be done to reassure women about the security of their handbags.

The result was the Jem, a patented fold-out hook to hang a handbag on and combined with a shrill pressure alarm that will sound if the bag is disturbed.

Destra has marketed it in a range of colours and reckons it is poised to become a 'must have' accessory for women. Sarah says Destra MD Derek Rawlings deserves a huge share of the credit for her rise after looking past the nervous young mum at the interview and seeing someone with the potential to make something of herself. "I'll always be grateful to him for giving me that chance in life," she said. "I couldn't ask for a better boss."

He was equally supportive when Sarah came up with the idea for the Jem three years ago.

"I was absolutely stunned when he and the other director agreed to invest company money in developing and manufacturing it," she said.

"In a world where women feel increasingly vulnerable, I thought about how to protect something very precious to me – my handbag. Like many women, I carry my whole life around with me.

"Even though I've researched the effects of bag snatches and attacks on women, I still do it – carry my phone, money, cards, keys, cheque book, etc.

"But my new invention should help deter would-be opportunist thieves. It's a hook you unfold and use to hang your bag from a table in a restaurant or bar, or wherever really.

"One of the most rewarding moments was a few months ago when I held one of the first Jem hooks as it came off the production line. I still have it in my handbag.

"To me it's not just the safety fashion accessory I hope it becomes; it's the culmination of years of hard graft and sacrifice – and an incredible sense of achievement.

"I would love for it to really take off as it will then enable me to employ other working mums in manufacturing and assembly."

IN THE BAG: Sarah Williams of Destra

BRIGHT IDEA: Jem's colourful range

HOOKED: The Jem device in use

TOP RANKIN: Bradley McGloughlin

The essence of top trading

INNOVATION with his company Trading4U has won an entrepreneurial award for Rochester businessman Bradley McGloughlin.

Despite a difficult trading year, he fought off hundreds of other entries to be named one of 20 top small businesses in the BT Business Essence awards. The judging panel was headed by Dragons' Den star Peter Jones.

Trading4u helps individuals and companies sell unwanted items online through sites such as eBay and Amazon, after Bradley recognised that they simply did not have the time, effort or knowledge to trade online themselves. Trading4u will sell anything worth more than £75, from a designer handbag to a leather sofa.

As a winner, Bradley has also had the essence of his business captured in a portrait by renowned celebrity photographer Rankin.

Impressed

All 20 winners' images will be displayed at the gallery@oxo on London's Southbank until February 28.

Bradley said he was pleased by recognition of his business concept: "This will develop Trading4u's brand and show consumers and businesses Trading4u is a recognised company for delivering an excellent new service."

Peter Jones said: "The BT Business Essence of the Entrepreneur winners are bucking a trend, creating stand-out businesses, harnessing the developments of technology and thriving. I was impressed with the standard of entries and the diversity of the entrepreneurs, and I congratulate the winners."

Mick Hegarty, BT Business strategy director, said: "It's an inspiration to see the great resolve of this country's entrepreneurs in the face of tough times.

"Technology, including advances in broadband is helping entrepreneurs diversify, think differently about how they run their businesses and evolve the services they offer."

From shop floor to the top floor?

SUPERMARKET giant Morrisons has opened a new store in Dover, creating nearly 300 jobs – a third going to the previously unemployed.

The new store uses the site of a former B&Q DIY store in Bridge Street and forms part of an ambitious national expansion plan for next three years by the UK's fourth largest supermarket chain.

Morrisons says it expects one third of the jobs created to come from the 18-24 age group, which has been hit hardest by the recession.

HR director Norman Pickavance said the group was proud of the opportunities it offered to recruits.

"Every Morrisons employee is given the opportunity of developing their career so they can go from the shop floor to the top floor.

"Of the top executives in the company, 30 per cent of them started on the shop floor."

Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 100 years

1910

100 YEARS AGO: White Hart Lane has been the graveyard for many a dream of FA Cup glory over the years, usually Tottenham's, but it was New Brompton who were knocked out a century ago after losing their FA Cup first round second replay with Leyton, 1-0.

After the first game ended in a 0-0 draw and the replay at Priestfield finished 2-2 after extra-time, a neutral ground was needed for the second replay.

At approximately 45 miles from the Medway Towns and five miles from Leyton, it's debateable just how neutral the Lane actually was and the east Londoners scored the only goal in the first-half, despite a promising start from Brompton.

The visitors' priorites were demonstrated by their decision to rest four key players for a Southern League game with Southampton, which had taken place 48 hours earlier and ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Saints had missed one penalty and Bateup saved another before the home side finally went in front, but Taylor earned Brompton a point.

1960

50 YEARS AGO: Plans to turn Brands Hatch into a Grand Prix class circuit were unveiled by the circuit's owners.

The West Kingsdown track was to be extended from 1.24-miles to 2.7-miles with its capacity increased to 100,000.

A 170-degree turn at the end of Bottom Straight would take the drivers into a new, fast straight, followed by a 100-degree right-hander. A short straight and fast S-bend into Clearways, followed, setting up a 140mph dash in front of a revamped main stand in what is now the Brabham Straight.

Permanent pits were installed for the first time and the minimum width of the track was 30 feet.

1985

25 YEARS AGO: Where other managers feared to dip into the transfer market, newly-appointed Maidstone United manager, Barry Fry (pictured), was wading in gleefully.

Having struggled to make ends meet at his old club Barnet – where police prevented him from driving a tractor on the pitch on Christmas morning 1984, in a desperate attempt to get a Boxing Day game on – Fry was handed a substantial transfer kitty at Maidstone, much of which subsequently went to his former club.

His first signing was of midfielder Steve Turner.

"He's a proven player at Gola League level," Fry said, "and I'm delighted to have signed him in the face of stiff opposition from Wealdstone and Dagenham."

Turner was described as a free-scoring midfielder, a description that had just two inaccuracies – he wasn't free and he didn't score.

Fry subsequently raided Barnet for a string of players: Mike Pittaway, Ian Ferguson and Kevin Millet among them, who were reportedly world-beaters at Underhill but looked like panel-beaters at the Athletic Ground.

If you have any fascinating stories from the above years gone by, email them to our sports editor at **glenn.pearson@kosmedia.co.uk**

Putting the work in

Barham steps up efforts in bid to get back on the European Tour

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

LOSING your card on the European Tour would give most professional golfers sleepless nights, but Benn Barham believes it has provided him with a much-needed wake-up call.

A run of four successive seasons on Tour came to an end in December when the Kent golfer finished outside the top-115 in the end of season rankings, losing his automatic exemption.

A mediocre display in Qualifying School last month saw the Tenterden man lose the last chance to regain his full card for the 2010 season.

The dip in form was largely the result of a slow start to the year, which the 33-year-old puts down to taking an extended break over the winter for the birth of his first child.

While insisting he would not change anything if he had the time again, it did cause his game to suffer, prompting a re-think after losing the cherished Tour card.

He said: "The level I play at, it's 100 per cent full-time. I'm playing against world-class golfers, so you can't afford to turn up every other day and hit a few balls.

"When things don't go so well, that's when you take stock and I've come out with more hunger and desire to succeed this year."

The finish at Q-School did earn Barham a lower level card, which should give him access to around 20 per cent of the European Tour's events.

Helped by a more intensive training programme he has already grasped the opportunity, making the cut at the Alfred Dunhill Championship in December and finishing in a share of 13th place at the African Open earlier this month.

The momentum was only slowed at the Joburg Open where an errant shot landed in a tree to scupper his hopes, but Barham remains inside the top-70 in the rankings.

The rest of the season will be spent between playing in the available Tour events and the lower level Challenge Tour.

With access to so few big tournaments, consistently good results are needed to finish the season high enough to regain a full card, but Barham believes the lack of events have sharpened his competitive instincts.

"It focuses the mind, definitely," he said. "I have 10 events on the Tour and I'm going to prepare for them better than ever. If you have 30 you can think 'alright, I'm not having a good week, but next week will be fine'.

"The only slight negative is I'm not going to get to play in the bigger events I've played in for the last four or five seasons. This may serve me well to refocus me and give me that hunger back, I don't want to be in this position again."

Next up is either a possible Tour appearance in the Avantha Masters in India or the start of the Challenge Tour next month.

RENEWED VIGOUR: Benn Barham says he is more determined than ever to win back his European Tour card
Picture: ADY KERRY

Quaife books place in ultra competitive Le Mans series

PHIL Quaife will compete at sports car racing's highest level after agreeing a deal to race in the 2010 Le Mans Series.

The 23-year-old sports car driver and former Porsche Carrera Cup champion has joined British-based CRS racing team to compete against some of the most talented drivers in the world.

The five-round Le Mans Series will see the Tunbridge Wells driver take part in eight-hour endurance races at some of the world's most glamorous circuits, including Belgium's Spa Francorchamps, Hungary's Hungaroring and Britain's Silverstone.

Coupled with visits across Europe, he will race alongside some the sport's biggest names, including former Formula One champion Nigel Mansell and eight-time Le Mans winner Tom Kristensen.

Quaife said: "It's definitely a step up and I'm looking forward to it. The races are much longer compared to the hour-long events last year, and tougher.

"I will be racing in a much higher class against some of the top sports car drivers, which will be a little daunting at first. I'm delighted to have signed the deal with CRS and we have a good car from Ferrari, which should be able to challenge for podiums."

Although delighted to be involved in one of the top tiers of sports car racing, Quaife harbours a dream to race in the prestigious Le Mans 24 hours. It could become reality this year, as his CRS team are planning an entry for the race in June.

He said: "To race at Le Mans is my dream. If I had a chance to drive there I would be there like a shot. It's a very special race. The CRS team are looking into it, but the organisers have to accept the team's bid to race, so we will have to wait and see on that one."

Quaife will make his debut in the Le Mans Series GT2 class at France's Paul Ricard Circuit on April 9.

ENDURANCE TEST: Phil Quaife in the CRS Racing Ferrari is set for new series

Hawkins on song at the Welsh Open

DARTFORD potter Barry Hawkins equalled his best result of the season by reaching the last 16 at the Welsh Open this week.

The 30-year-old (pictured) has endured a frustrating campaign, with the event in Newport only his second appearance in the main draw of a ranking tournament this season.

Qualification was assured with a 5-2 win against Ian McCulloch last week and Hawkins took his good form into the first round.

Playing some of his best snooker of the season, he blew away former world champion Peter Ebdon 5-0.

Breaks of 85 and 58 put him in charge before winning a tactical third frame. Ebdon got in during the fourth but broke down, allowing his opponent to pinch it with a 64 clearance to set up the whitewash.

But hopes of a first quarter-final of the season were dashed against an in-form Stephen Maguire. A break of 65 saw Hawkins level the second round match at 1-1, but the world number two went on to take control, winning 5-1.

Hawkins' next match is this Friday, when victory will see him qualify for the China Open at the end of March.

On track at cycle park

WORK has begun on Kent's £10 million state-of-the-art cycle park, despite questions surrounding the scale and funding for the whole project, ***writes Tom Howard.***

The scheme, which is due to be built on 43 hectares alongside the A2, near Gravesend, is hoping to attract and cater for a whole new wave of cyclists from across the county.

However, the scale of the facility is still unknown, as the project awaits the results of funding bids which are expected in March.

Cyclopark – the name of the new park – which received planning permission in August last year, has been split into two sections, with the second dependant on extra funding.

UNDER WAY: Construction work has begun on the new Cyclopark near Gravesend

Funding

At the moment, the project has raised the £4.8 million needed to carry out phase one after funds were received from British Cycling and the Homes and Communities Agency.

This part of the project is under way and consists the majority of the cycle tracks, changing rooms, access and car parking. It is due to be completed by March, 2011, with the second phase following on a year later.

The second phase, which is subject to a further £4.4m funding, would will see the construction of an a large pavilion, a world-class BMX track, an 8.2km mountain bike track, and a multi-use games area.

Ashford's Olympic Team Sprint champion Jamie Staff, who is backing the project, is also looking into launching the Jamie Staff Academy from the facility.

The project has tabled three bids for the extra funding to a charitable trust for young people, the European Union and a revised bid to Sport England, following a failed bid last year. The result of these will be released in March.

Cyclopark project leader, Laurence Tricker, said: "We are mindful that Sport England have limited funds and it is a national pot of money, but we have put in a good bid and we will have to wait and see.

"My job as is to deliver phase one, but we may have to knock on other doors for funding. To my mind this is such a good proposal, there will be people who will want to help. It's a good project and we will deliver it."

Leader of Gravesham Borough Council, Cllr Mike Snelling, is confident once the construction of the facility begins the funding for the entire facility will follow.

He said: "It's a project which has had a lot of obstacles but the funding is coming in and it will be tremendous asset for the borough."

French test for House

KRISTIAN House is looking to crown his year as national champion with a stage victory on French soil early in the road cycling season, ***writes David Pritchard.***

The 30-year-old claimed the biggest one-day title of his career last summer, beating a host of household names, including Mark Cavendish, to win the British national road racing championship.

Part of the prize for holding a national title is a special jersey, which in Britain is white with a red and blue stripe.

A solid string of results followed the win, but House yearns for a victory before losing the right to wear the shirt if he fails to retain the title this year. With his Rapha Condor Sharp team entering more races outside the UK this year, the Canterbury-born rider admits he would love to do it in France, the unofficial home of road cycling.

He said: "I've already said I want to win in the jersey. It's all well and good having it but you want to win in it. For me, the races in France, that's where it's at. I know I have the confidence to go into those races and where I can compete at the top end of it."

House's schedule is yet to be completely finalised, but the Rapha team are planning to enter the Tour de Normandie and Tour de Bretagne in the spring, which would offer him the chance to fulfil his hopes.

Before the competitive racing begins, pre-season training continues. Preparations will go up a notch tomorrow, as the team get together for the first time for to begin an intensive 10-day training camp in Malaga.

With four new riders, plus the additional backing of major new sponsor Sharp, House is optimistic about what the season holds for the team.

JERSEY HUNTING: Kristian House has set sights on victory in France in his jersey

He said: "We have a really strong squad this year, every time we've upped it a bit more. A lot of the main goals don't change from year to year; the national championships, Tour of Ireland, Tour of Britain – those are the big races for the team and individuals."

The big story in the cycling world is the arrival of British pro outfit Team Sky, who performed well on their debut in the Tour Down Under, which finished last week. With a big budget, world-class squad and ambitions to win the Tour de France, House believes it will help everyone in British road cycling.

He said: "If they do well it benefits everyone involved in the sport in this country. Anything that gets the sport in the newspapers is a good thing."

Cavaday ready to take centre court after illness hell

Young ace ready to climb ranks this season

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

CLIMBING up the rankings and playing the best tennis of her career, Naomi Cavaday is determined 2010 will be the season she breaks into the world's top-100.

With the experience of four seasons on the circuit, it is easy to forget the British number four from Chislehurst does not turn 21 until April.

While her career to date has had its highlights – notably gutsy first-round defeats at Wimbledon to Martina Hingis and Venus Williams – it has not all been plain sailing.

The last two seasons have been disrupted by a debilitating post-viral infection. Although Cavaday had returned to action this time last year, it took time to regain the lost confidence.

After a solid finish to last year she began 2010 with a decent display in Australian Open qualifying. A defeat to world number 16 Yanina Wickmayer ended hopes of reaching the main tournament, but a victory in the first round should lift her close to a highest-ever ranking of 183 when the figures are updated next week.

Now back in training and relishing the season ahead, Cavaday is setting her sights high.

"I'm hoping I can really step up and fly through some rounds to get a lot of points", she said. "I definitely think being in the top-100 at some point in 2010 would be a great achievement for me and very achievable.

Challenge

"I'm playing my best tennis and enjoying it more than ever. I really think being 180 is not that far off getting to 100. It's a tough challenge but I've never been better prepared to take it on."

Reaching the higher echelons would help strengthen the resurgence of the women's game in Britain. Elena Baltacha and Katie O'Brien are both in the top-100, following in the footsteps of Anne Keothavong, who rose to a high of 48 last year.

Cavaday aims to join the trio, but her biggest problems could lie off the court. A shortfall in sponsorship means economics plays a role in planning which tournaments to enter.

A full season can cost up to £100,000 and despite some help from the Lawn Tennis Association, looking for new backers has become part of the weekly routine.

She said: "I would like to get away to the States to play in some of those events but unfortunately money has become a bit of an issue at the moment.

"Everything I earn goes back into the pot. It's an added pressure which can be very frustrating to deal with because it takes up a lot of time worrying about money and trying to find it. The main thing is to go and play tennis, but sometimes it comes second."

Tennis will at least take precedence from tomorrow, when Cavaday begins the indoor season with a tournament in Sutton.

GUTSY PLAYER: Naomi Cavaday gave Venus Williams a fright at Wimbledon in 2008

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Dallas dishes out a beating

PRESSURE: Tom Dallas jabs his way in en route to crushing Yavor Marinchev and (above left) he celebrates his victory

CHATHAM heavyweight prospect Tom Dallas is looking to step up the level of competition in his next fight, after impressively crushing normally durable Bulgarian import Yavor Marinchev last Friday, ***writes Mick Watkins.***

The 24-year-old roofer improved his unbeaten record to nine wins with seven KOs as he bludgeoned Marinchev to defeat at Brentwood Leisure Centre in Essex.

Marinchev, 26, doesn't win many, but he is tough and had only been stopped once in 23 fights, taking British heavyweight prospects David Price and Larry Olubamiwo the distance in his previous two fights.

Dallas, however, was in no mood to let his opponent spoil his way to the finishing line. A steady dose of right hands over the top and withering bodyshots had Marinchev backing up in the first.

Two knockdowns in the second, the last from a brutal right to the ribs, left his opponent down on one knee gasping for breath at the end of the round. Marinchev wisely refused to come out for the third round.

"I was happy with my performance," Dallas told Kent on Sunday. "I really whacked him up to the body. The finishing punch looked good in slow motion on the TV replays.

"He's taken some good fighters the distance so to stop him early was a good result."

The 6ft 6ins fighter hopes to be back in action in March against an opponent who will give him the extra rounds he feels will help his development on the road to a title shot.

"I'm hoping it will be against someone bigger and better," he said. "It can be a bit frustrating training hard for six weeks only for my opponent to go over in a round or two."

Dallas's manager, Mark Rowe, has big plans for his fighter down the line.

He said: "I've high hopes for Tom. We're not shouting from the rooftops but he's improving all the time and in about eight fights I think he could be ready to take on the likes of European champion Albert Sosnowski.

"He's already sparred with him and did well. He's an excellent prospect."

Picture: ADY KERRY

STAYING: Joe Denly will retain his place as opening batsman until the end of the 2011 season

Den deal for Joe

Kent joy as batsman signs two-year contract

By GLENN PEARSON

JOE Denly signed a two-year contract this week to keep the Kent and England opening batsman at the county until the end of the 2011 season.

The 23-year-old was out of contract at the end of the 2010 season, as exclusively revealed by this newspaper last month, and has been negotiating a deal together with his agent David Fulton to secure his future before he goes away to Bangladesh on England duty next month.

Kent head coach Paul Farbrace said the club had two meetings with Denly and Fulton which proved fruitful. The batsman put pen to paper on a contract extension on Thursday, joining the likes of Rob Key, Geraint Jones and Martin van Jaarsveld, who signed new deals before the end of last season.

He said: "It means our top six are all signed up for the next two or three years, which is absolutely brilliant.

"Joe is at the stage in his career where he wants to cement a place in the England side, particularly in one-day cricket, and the added distraction of being out of contract at the end of the year probably influenced his decision to sort that out quickly.

"By signing for two years he can now concentrate on scoring big runs for Kent and England."

The Whitstable-born right-hander, who now lives in Chilham near Canterbury, has quickly established his place in the Kent side and forged a good opening partnership with Key.

He has amassed 3,058 runs in 52 first-class games for his county at an average of 36.84, and will be hoping to improve on that further as he returns to Division One of the County Championship with Kent this season.

Denly was selected to play for England at the end of last summer, appearing in nine One-Day Internationals and three Twenty20 games so far. He will be hopeful of nailing down a place in the one-day side for the series against Bangladesh.

Farbrace has seen first-hand Denly's progression to county and international honours and is not surprised at how quickly he has got there.

He said: "A few years ago there used to be a young lad at the Kent Academy who would sit with his tracksuit zipped up to his mouth so he didn't have to answer too many questions when it came to the theory stuff in the classroom.

"He came across as a shy lad who enjoyed batting, fielding and bowling when he got the opportunity, but he has blossomed into a high-quality cricketer. He is a very determined person who will never accept second best.

"We are delighted to have him here and we want him to go on to play for England and be absent from the Kent side because he is scoring runs for his country and not because he has moved on to somewhere else."

Seamers' chance to impress county

THREE seam bowlers have been given a chance to impress at Kent and earn themselves a county deal.

Medium-fast bowlers Jahid Ahmed, Dave Burton and Will Rudge have all been invited along to pre-season training at the St Lawrence indoor centre, with the club hopeful that at least one may grasp what's likely to be their final opportunity of playing county cricket.

Right-arm seamer Will Rudge is probably the most impressive and has county experience having played 14 first-class games for Gloucestershire.

He was released in 2008 but at 25 – the same age as Kent's Phil Edwards – time is not on his side.

Burton, 24, has tried his luck at Kent for the last two pre-season campaigns without any success. He has featured for seven counties, which included making his first-class debut for Gloucestershire in 2006, before moving on to Middlesex, but has made just a further three first-class appearances since making his debut four years ago.

Ahmed, a 23-year-old seamer from Essex, looked promising in the nets but the test for him will come in March when training is held outdoors on the grass wickets at Canterbury. He has claimed 13 first-class wickets at 41.69 since making his debut in 2005, although has only gone on to play seven times for Essex, with the last coming in a tour match against the West Indies last summer where he claimed 2 for 55 from 11 overs.

INVITATION: (l-r) Seam bowlers Jahid Amid and Dave Burton

Kent head coach Paul Farbrace will be keeping a watchful eye on their progress and hopes one will step up and take advantage of the opportunity.

"All three have committed to pre-season which is fantastic for us and shows they are committed to the cause," he said. "They are aware that we haven't got pots of cash but we do have pots of opportunities.

"We are after seam bowlers and if they show they have something then we can develop that, what we don't have is time because they have a short shelf life being in their early 20s, so we don't have much time."

The county have also got leg-spinner Asfal Afridi, brother of Pakistan one-day captain Shahid, on trial, and are hopeful of trialling several other players in the next couple of months. One of those is 20-year-old Yorkshire 2nd XI seamer Michael Chadwick, although, rivals Sussex could snap him up after taking him on an overseas tour.

Farbrace added: "We won't make a decision until the end of the season but we have another couple lined up who are playing Grade Cricket in Australia."

D-Day for Gills

Last chance closes in for Gills to sign new striker and keep hold of top scorer Jackson

Pictures: ADY KERRY

THE next 24 hours could be crucial to Gillingham's fortunes this season as they attempt to hold on to their top scorer and sign another striker before the transfer window closes.

Clubs across the country will be looking to finalise deals before the 5pm deadline tomorrow and the Gills are no exception. They are hoping to sign Scott Vernon from Colchester, while simultaneously keeping Simeon Jackson at the club.

If both objectives were achieved, it would provide a significant boost to the club's hopes of staying in League One.

Vernon has recovered from the ankle injury sustained while on loan at Priestfield in October and is now the priority above Norwich's Jamie Cureton, who emerged as a target last week.

The 26-year-old is "very interested" in a return, according to manager Mark Stimson, who believes the former Blackpool forward's short stint at the club could prove persuasive.

"You hope so, he's seen the way we worked and what we want from him. You hope he liked that and would come back", he said.

"I think he gives us something else, I know Cureton has played at a higher than him, and scored more goals, but I just think at the present time after seeing Vernon with us, he would be a good addition and could be long-term as well."

By DAVID PRITCHARD

The Gills are one of four League One clubs keen on Vernon, but are banking on their desire for a transfer to make them more favourable to Colchester.

If all parties agree, a deal could be struck before tomorrow, although another option could see Vernon join on loan which would later be converted into a permanent deal.

OBJECTIVES: Gills want to keep Simeon Jackson (left) and sign Scott Vernon (above)

Vernon's arrival would end Gillingham's interest in Cureton, but the club are also looking to add a centre-back to the squad on loan.

Stimson's other priority is to keep hold of Jackson, who has 14 goals already this season. The Canada international has been linked with numerous clubs, but the rumours have gone quiet in recent weeks.

Gillingham have not received any approaches, but after signing the striker with minutes to spare two years ago, Stimson will not breathe a sigh of relief until the window closes.

He said: "We need to keep him to give us a better chance of staying in this division. Who knows in this game, you just don't know what's going to happen. You don't know what other teams are thinking so you have to have Plan B in your head if he does go so you can jump on someone quite quickly."

Other players further down the pecking order are available for loans, including Mark McCammon, Luis Cumbers and Jacob Erskine.

• ***Log on to www.kentnews.co.uk for the latest transfer news up to tomorrow's deadline.***

'Work ethic' is the key to Darts' flight

WITH a better record than any club in the top six tiers of English football, you might expect Dartford to have stumbled on a secret formula for success.

Just one defeat from 22 games before yesterday has taken the Darts a whopping 12 points clear in the Ryman Premier, with four games in hand on their nearest rival. Manager Tony Burman is delighted with his side's form so far, but insists the reason behind the return is more mundane.

He said: "The key has been the players' work rate. It's not just four or five of them, it's all 11 and whoever we play it's been the main feature. The talent only comes through afterwards. There's no point having big time Charlies who don't want to work."

It has been a long journey for the club, who almost became extinct in 1992 due to financial problems. After bobbing around in the lower reaches of non-league football for more than a decade, the Darts have been revitalised since moving into the impressive Princes Park in 2006.

Attracting big crowds – this season's league average of 1,140 is higher than Ebbsfleet's – instantly made the club big players financially at their level.

Promotion in April would be the second in three seasons and take them one division away from their aim of achieving Conference status.

Despite Dartford's relative financial clout, Burman insists he does not have a huge budget, although the surroundings do help attract players.

He said: "Players will look for their financial rewards but we keep to our guns and don't pay silly money. When they see the ground – and we have a great training facility for our level – it helps of course."

The infrastructure certainly played a role in their latest signing, prolific striker Carl Rook, who joined from Tonbridge Angels this week.

He said: "They're averaging 1,100 fans at home games and their stadium is second to none, so it's a good move for me.

"I've said for a long time I wanted to go and play at a higher level and this offers me an opportunity to do that."

Picture: COLIN READ

ON TOP: Dartford are flying high with just a single defeat from 22 games in the Ryman Premier league

Picture: STEVE TERRELL

BIG MOVE: Fulham's Chris Smalling, pictured playing for Maidstone, will join Manchester United next season

Stones won't see penny of Smalling £8m Reds move

CHRIS Smalling's transfer to Premier League champions Manchester United won't trigger any extra funds to former side Maidstone United, it has emerged.

The central defender, who came through the youth ranks and made 12 first-team appearances at the Ryman Premier League club, completed a transfer to the Premier League champions from Fulham, believed to be worth £8 million, in the week.

The 20-year-old former Chatham Grammar schoolboy, who joined Roy Hodgson's Fulham in May, 2008, from Maidstone, has become one of the nation's hottest prospects.

The young defender initially captained the Cottagers' reserves, but he has since broken into the first-team, making four Premier League appearances, including a start in the 2-1 defeat against Chelsea last month. He has also been one of Hodgson's first choice defenders in Fulham's Europa League campaign.

Proud

Maidstone United chairman Paul Bowden-Brown is proud of the club's former player, but is not expecting to receive any further funds from Smalling's move to Old Trafford. He also confirmed the club are not looking into setting up a pre-season friendly with United.

He said: "I'm proud of Chris, we all knew he had something about him as a footballer and he has proved that with his move. I'm sure one day he will play for England. I wish him and his family all the best."

Smalling was on a non-contract deal while at Maidstone two years ago and was eligible to play for the England Schoolboys side, where he was spotted by Fulham.

When he joined the Cottagers the Premier League club agreed to give Maidstone two sums of money in a gesture of appreciation. The second sum is to be awarded once he has made 10 Premier League appearances, but the club won't be getting any money as a result of his move to Old Trafford, despite reports to the contrary.

Bowden-Brown said: "There is no compensation agreement, but we are to receive a nominal fee once he has made 10 Premier League appearances. I'm not expecting to receive anything else, this was the arrangement agreed when Fulham signed him. Obviously I would've loved to have put on a sell-on clause, but that was not possible. The club has received a lot of publicity and it can only help us."

Smalling will remain at Fulham for the rest of the season, before joining up with Sir Alex Ferguson's Manchester United in the summer.

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CHEATED: Kelly Holmes was deprived gold by drug cheat

MP backs our fight to get gold for Kelly

A WEEK since we launched our campaign to claim the gold medal Dame Kelly Holmes never received, KOS Media has received the backing of the shadow minister for sports and the Olympics.

Hugh Robertson, who is also MP for Faversham and Mid Kent, has thrown his weight behind the campaign, which aims to strip Regina Jacobs of the 1500m gold medal she won at the 2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships.

Jacobs tested positive for steroids only weeks later but Dame Kelly, who picked up the silver medal in Birmingham, has never been awarded the title.

Robertson said: "I have always thought that drug cheats are the single biggest threat to track and field.

"Anyone convicted of a drugs offence should be automatically banned and disqualified and their medals given to those who deserve them, so I would absolutely support Kelly in this."

KOS Media intends to lobby the sport's governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), to re-examine the case and we now need your support as the campaign continues to gain momentum.

You can join us and air your views on our Twitter page at www.twitter.com/kosmediasport or through our Facebook group by searching 'KOS Media Campaign for Kelly.'

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COUNTY SIGN LEG SPINNER BANDARA

Sri Lankan international set to bolster attack

By **GLENN PEARSON**

MALINGA Bandara's ability as a limited overs bowler and availability for the entire second half of the summer convinced Kent to swoop for the Sri Lankan leg-spinner as one of their overseas players.

The club identified the 30-year-old months ago as a player they wanted as part of their attack. This week they were finally able to announce the signing after gaining assurances he would be available for the entire second half of the county summer.

It was a major reason why they moved for the leg-break bowler, who has played eight Test matches and 31 One-Day Internationals for his country.

Outside of the current set-up, he will be available to play from June until the end of the season without the interference of being called up to play international cricket.

Bandara has 391 first-class scalps under his belt during a career which has included a spell in county cricket for Gloucestershire in 2005. He will take over from Australian seamer Stuart Clark, who will line up in Kent's bowling attack as their overseas player for the first half of the season.

Experience

Kent head coach Paul Farbrace suggested Bandara as a potential overseas player after working with him as Sri Lanka's assistant coach. He believes the spinner's ability and experience in limited overs cricket will be a major asset.

"He is not a huge spinner of the ball, he is not someone that will bowl outside leg and spin it past the off stump, but he is consistent," he said. "He does spin the ball, has good variations, his pace is good and he is experienced.

"His record is phenomenal and while people can say '391 wickets in Sri Lanka – well it spins out there' don't forget they have some magnificent players of spin out there.

"I think he'll bring something different, he is very good in the one-day game which is a big strength. His English is good and he will fit into the culture of Kent very well."

Bandara will arrive in England on May 20 and will play in a Kent 2nd XI game before making himself available for Kent's first Twenty20 game of the season against the Essex Eagles in Chelmsford at the beginning of June.

While the club see his skills bowling in pressure cooker situations like Twenty20, they also identified him early on as an overseas target because he will be able to play for the entire second half of the season.

"The other great thing about Bandara, if we're honest, is that fact that because he isn't currently in the Sri Lanka squad as [Muttiah] Muralitharan and [Ajantha] Mendis are in front of him, that means we will get to see more of him in the summer,"

Farbrace said. "Sri Lanka have just announced a series against India in July and August. Then there's the Twenty20 World Cup as well, so before you know where you are, these players are off around the world and you haven't seen an awful lot of them.

"That's why we aimed at going for someone who we hope would be a little more consistent with his time at Kent."

The county have also left the door open for Aussie fast bowler Stuart Clark to remain at Kent after his original spell ends at the end of May to pair up with Bandara as the county's overseas players for the revamped Twenty20 competition.

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NEW SPINNER: Kent head coach Paul Farbrace (far right) pictured with Malinga Bandara (far left) and Lasith Malinga during the Englishman's spell as assistant coach to Sri Lanka

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